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PERSPECTIVE

EVEN IF WE HAD THE HIGHEST SALARIES IN ACADEMIA, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BUY WHAT THESE FACULTY AND SO MANY OTHERS CONTRIBUTE TO AN L-R EDUCATION.

I'm one of those people who can't pass a bookstore without going in and can't go out again without buying at least one book. Recently on a trip to Chicago I picked up an interesting book called *Journeying into God*. It contains translations by Tim Vivian of ancient stories about seven men and women who lived as monks in the Middle East during the early centuries of Christianity.

One of the stories' recurrent elements is the continuous presence of distractions, often in the form of demons. Possessed by the desire to journey wholly into God, these men and women head off into the desert where they hope to escape them.

These ancient lives reflect our own modern condition, perhaps especially in this struggle with distractions. Our lives are so full of diversions that we too often miss what is important.

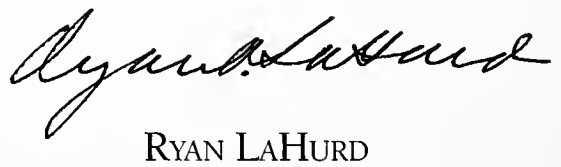
In reflecting on these stories, I was reminded of the recent death of Professor Jerry Bolick, professor of mathematics at Lenoir-Rhyne for over thirty years. He died after a short illness, almost before many realized he was hospitalized and away from the campus. His death left a space in the life of our campus community. There were notices of his death and a memorial service. But it seems the space became filled too quickly by distractions, and life has gone on as usual as it must.

Yet the death of Jerry Bolick, following as it did the relatively recent deaths of other long-time L-R faculty — Robin Gatwood, Walter Nau, Virginia Hawn, Tom Blackburn — demands that we stop for a moment to reflect.

These people did not simply give their careers or their energy to teaching, they gave their very selves to their students. None of them was, perhaps, a perfect teacher, a consummate scholar, a faultless person. But each was a gift! And we miss them.

At Lenoir-Rhyne College we are not able to pay our faculty enough; but even if we had the highest salaries in academia, we would not be able to buy what these faculty and so many others contribute to an L-R education. They give freely that which is not for sale — themselves — and we owe them a great debt.

It would be nice if we could stop all the distractions of life for just a moment's silence in memory and honor of these faculty. We cannot. So, if you would, in the next few days, once or twice think about what you are giving to others that first came from your professors at L-R. That's one of the best gifts a teacher can receive.



RYAN LAHURD
PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

The Lenoir-Rhyne community also mourns the death of Werner Keller, professor emeritus of German, who died March 24.

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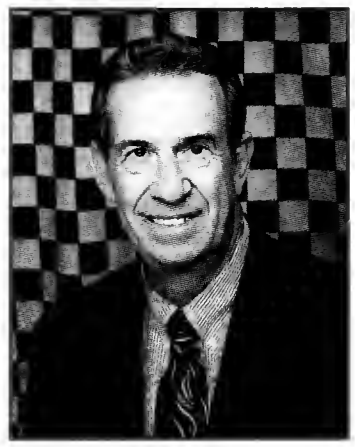

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Photographer Carl Moser's study of the cupola atop the new Admissions complex reflects a bright spring sky.

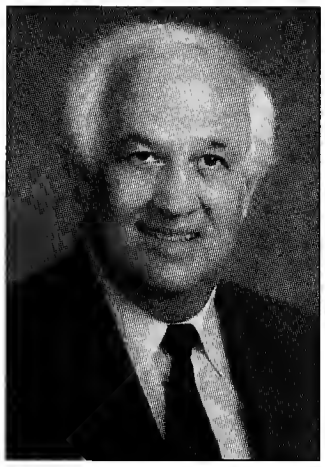
Wheeler to retire

T. Al Wheeler, Jr., vice president for advancement, will retire July 31 after 10 years of association with L-R.

Wheeler will continue with his consulting business, Wheeler & Associates, a fund-raising counseling service, in Blowing Rock.

Dr. Ryan LaHurd, college president, expressed gratitude to Wheeler, who joined the college staff to assist with the college's $24 million Centennial-Renewal campaign.

"Al has worked at a time of big changes at the college and in higher education," said President Ryan LaHurd. "The Centennial-Renewal campaign was the most successful fund-raising campaign conducted for Lenoir-Rhyne and one of the most successful in our region. We thank him for his service in helping advance the support of Lenoir-Rhyne."



Wheeler

Wheeler, 62, is a native of Durham and is a graduate of Duke University, where he earned both a B.A. degree and M.A. degree in economics. He is also a Certified Fund-Raising Executive and is a member of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives and serves on the N.C. Committee of the Newcomen Society of the United States. He is also a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

He is a board member of Sipe's Orchard Home in Conover and a member of the Hickory Rotary Club. He and wife, Patty, reside in Blowing Rock.

OT program accredited

The Department of Occupational Therapy at Lenoir-Rhyne College recently received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). The on-site evaluation team gave the program a glowing report praising faculty, administration, students and clinical supervisors for their dedication to carrying out the program and its design.

The occupational therapy program is now in its third year at Lenoir-Rhyne. The college expects to graduate its first OT students this year. The B.S. in occupational therapy at Lenoir-Rhyne is only the second bachelor's degree OT program in North Carolina and is the only program offered in Western North Carolina.

L-R's first class graduated with Spring Commencement.

Racing beds

Theta Xi finished first and Pi Kappa Phi second in the bed race held March 21 near Price Village. Sponsored by the Junior Class, several organizations joined in the spring fling. Chairpersons Ellen Rearden and Lois Koerwer reported that winners received $50 for their organization and $50 for the charity of their choice.

Auditorium yields lost wallet

Barry Sanders had long given up on ever finding his wallet — and the cash in it — when it disappeared at P.E. Monroe Auditorium in May 1996. But as luck would have it, it's all back safe and sound, thanks to an honest child who recovered the billfold Feb. 26.

Sanders says he lost his wallet while attending his daughter Jodie's dance rehearsal. Sanders said he and others searched high and low for the wallet, which contained not only his driver's license, but credit cards and $114 in cash.

"I figured it was stolen and gave up ever seeing it again," said the Hickory trucker. Ten months later, he was flabbergasted to receive a call from Lenoir-Rhyne Security saying the wallet was found intact. A child attending a drama production had turned the billfold in to a teacher who, in turn, gave it to an L-R professor. By the time security contacted Sanders, the trail was "cold" as to who had found the wallet.

Sanders said he would like to thank those responsible for retrieving it. Rec-ords on campus show that several area schools came to campus for the play.

Sanders, meanwhile, says he now has "hope for the world after all," thanks to the honesty of an unknown child. He would like to know where the wallet was found, but above all, thank the child who was so honest.

According to Caroline Cauthen, L-R director of conferences and events, thousands of people use the auditorium each month for such events as symphony concerts, pageants, dramatic productions, college convocations — even church assemblies. "It's amazing that no one — not even our cleaning crew — found it in all that time."

Tags bagged

For the past two years, the Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association has tried to amass the 300 paid applications the state needs to issue an L-R tag. Because of the slim response, the Alumni Association Board of Directors has abandoned this project. Those who sent in an application should request a refund from the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, 1100 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27697-0001.

Choir tours South

The A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble of Lenoir-Rhyne College took their melodies of classical and sacred music on the road this spring with eight stops.

Directed by E. Ray McNeely, associate professor and department chairperson of music, the 50-voice A Cappella Choir boasts a rich history of more than 60 years of musical tradition.

Among the selections the choir performed were works by J.S. Bach, Hans Leo Hassler, and the Rev. Dr. Paul Weber, assistant professor of music at Lenoir-Rhyne. His wife, College Organist Florence Jowers, also toured with the group which included stops at the following Lutheran churches: Calvary in Morganton; Grace near Lincolnton; Grace in Hendersonville; St. John's in Knoxville; St. John's in Atlanta; Shades Valley in Birmingham; and Christus Victor in Ocean Springs, Miss.

The home concert was performed April 13 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory.

Directed by Dr. Daniel Kiser, associate professor of music, the seven-member Brass Ensemble performed a variety of sacred selections including performances with the choir and solo.

Humpy Wheeler

L-R 'finish line' features NASCAR

They didn't plan it that way, but L-R officials did all but wave the checkered flag at graduates on May 10.

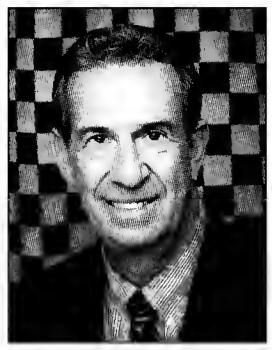
First, Ned Jarrett received an honorary doctorate (see accompanying article). Then H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway, addressed the assembly as keynote speaker.

According to President Ryan LaHurd, the NASCAR emphasis was a fluke. The honorary doctorate committee acted independently of the senior class which invited Wheeler.

At least three graduating seniors have their sights on an auto racing career. Mike Arning of Lunenburg, Mass., hopes to pursue racing while Jason Herman of Conover, driver of the Klingspor Camaro, already has several races under his belt. Meanwhile, Rex Marley of Moravian Falls has already been on the road with the Lowe's show car.

The NASCAR connection fits well with recent efforts of the college to incorporate the popular sport into the curriculum. Lenoir-Rhyne, one of the first colleges in the area to offer a sports management major, began offering a sports marketing class this fall. Taught by Dr. Dale King, professor of business, the marketing course included field trips to nationally ranked racers' shops, as well as NASCAR speakers and other resources highlighting opportunities in the fast-growing field of racing.

Four honored with doctorates



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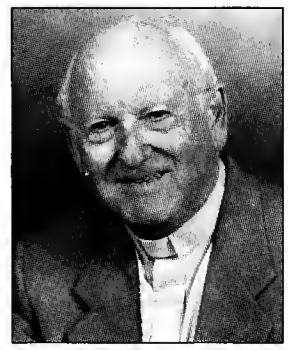

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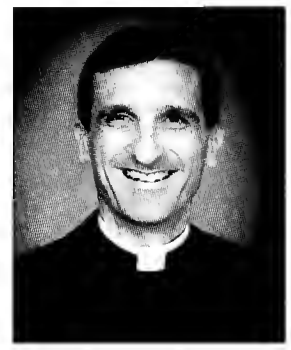

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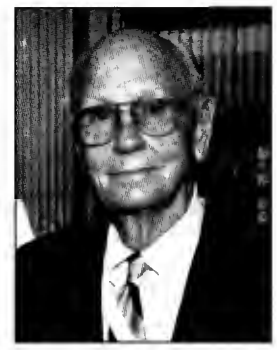


Smith

Four outstanding men were recognized for lifetime achievements with honorary doctorates from Lenoir-Rhyne College on May 10.

Honored were auto racing announcer and former NASCAR driver **Ned Jarrett** of Hickory, former U.S. Army Chaplain the **Rev. Dr. James Russell Boggs** '44 of Claremont, community activist the **Rev. Richard Little** of Charlotte and Food Lion co-founder **Wilson L. Smith** of Salisbury.

Jarrett, former manager of Hickory Speedway, has served CBS Sports and ESPN as an auto racing announcer for many years. He hosts the "Inside NASCAR" TV show and owns and produces the "World of Racing" radio program.

Jarrett earned numerous distinctions as a race car driver including 50 Winston Cup races. He is an honorary life member of NASCAR and has been inducted into seven racing halls of fame. Over the years, Jarrett has been true to his religious heritage, sharing his faith story with fellow drivers and others as a lay speaker.

His son, NASCAR driver Dale Jarrett of Hickory, is the father of former L-R student Jason Jarrett.

Boggs served as a colonel in the U.S. Army including assignments in Vietnam and as Command Chaplain, U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany. He was educated at L-R and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, S.C. and has an honorary doctorate from Newberry College.

As a Lutheran pastor in Montgomery, Ala., in the 1950s, he was president of the ministerial association, where he worked with Martin Luther King, Jr.

After 20 years in the Army, he served as chaplain at the Citadel and was director of church relations /planned giving for Newberry College. He also founded a Lutheran mission in Holly Hill, S.C. Boggs remains active with L-R's Alumni Association Board of Directors, Golden Bears and Planned Giving Council.

Little is pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, where membership has grown 50 percent under his leadership. He served congregations in Kannapolis and Greensboro before becoming assistant to the bishop of the N.C. Synod.

Little has served in various roles within the ELCA and was named Mecklenburg County Mental Health Professional of the Year in 1988 and received the Martin Luther King Award in 1993. His son, Shane, is a '94 alumnus.

Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College and is a veteran of World War II.

He and others founded the Food Lion grocery chain for which he served as a vice president and board member before retiring in 1979. An outstanding leader in civic, church and professional arenas, he received the Catawba College Exemplary Service Medal in 1996.

Smith has been named a George F. Hixson Fellow by Kiwanis International. His family foundation has supported higher education through endowments to L-R and other organizations.

Sacred Music committee named

A steering committee has been formed to promote and support the new Sacred Music Program.

The Sacred Music Program was launched last fall with the addition of two new music faculty members, Dr. Paul Weber and Florence Jowers, to meet a growing need for trained church musicians.

Serving as honorary chairpersons are Bishop James and Annette Crumley of Leesville, S.C.

"By developing the program of sacred music, L-R is serving the church in an area too often neglected," Bishop Crumley said. "We are happy to support this effort and we invite others to participate fully with their interest, prayers and financial resources."

Other steering committee members include Dorothy Armstrong '49 and Mickey Shuford '70 of Hickory, the Rev. Dr. Russell and Mary Boggs (both '44) of Claremont, Jerome and Linda Bolick of Conover, the Rev. Bill Mims of Newton, the Rev. Peter Setzer of Charlotte, Libby Knollmeyer '67 of Greensboro, Greg Cline '81 of Belmont and Bill and Margaret Alsobrooks of Asheville.

College representatives are Clarence Pugh '62, associate vice president for advancement and director of church relations and planned giving, along with Professor Ray McNeely '63, Jowers and Weber of the music faculty.

In addition to advising and encouraging the program, the committee will provide leadership to secure financial resources. The initial three-year costs are estimated at $625,000, including operational and endowed scholarship needs. Another $2.2 million will be needed to underwrite the endowment for program and scholarship objectives. This amount is to be raised through a targeted fund-raising effort.

For more information about the program or the campaign, contact Pugh at 704-328-7168.

Steering the Sacred Music program (from left): Florence Jowers, Dr. Paul Weber, Bishop Crumley, Annette Crumley, Ray McNeely, Dr. Ryan LaHurd.

LRYC organized

Under the direction of Assistant Professor of Music Florence Jowers, the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus LRYC (pronounced "Lyric") gave their inaugural performance April 3 as part of the spring band concert on campus.

The chorus, 110-voices strong, includes members age 8-15.

Modeled after a similar chorus Jowers developed in Pennsylvania, LRYC complements children's exposure to music in the church and school settings, while providing more in-depth instruction. Future plans include workshops with international figures in children's music, festivals with other community youth choruses and performing tours. LRYC is aimed at young singers serious about the art of making music.

Jowers

The repertoire of LRYC is secular and sacred music and includes classics, contemporary selections, folk songs and even some silly songs. Jowers added that in addition to the musical skills learned, choral singing develops maturity, character, discipline, group dynamics, dependability, creativity, decision-making, confidence and self-esteem.

You, LB can help L-R

Lutherans now can extend their charitable contributions of life insurance thanks to a Lutheran Brotherhood (LB) benefit called CharitAbility for Life. When an LB member designates a Lutheran college, university or other charitable organization as the beneficiary of a life insurance contract, LB will contribute an additional 10 percent of the death proceeds to that organization.

CharitAbility for Life enables Lutherans to increase their charitable contributions to Lutheran colleges and other organizations without additional cost to the individual.

CharitAbility for Life is available when a member has designated a Lutheran organization as a beneficiary of at least $1,000 of death benefit proceeds. Upon the death of the insured, not only will the Lutheran organization receive the death benefit proceeds, but LB will contribute an additional 10 percent of the death benefit proceeds to the organization up to $25,000 per insured (e.g., if a Lutheran Brotherhood member designates Lenoir-Rhyne College as the beneficiary of his or her $100,000 life insurance contract, at the member's death, Lenoir-Rhyne will receive $110,000—the death benefit plus an additional 10 percent.)

For more information, contact your Lutheran Brotherhood district representative or call: 1-800-365-4012 ext. 914.

L-R GIVING

Lenoir-Rhyne has received the following recent gifts:

Rudisill Scholarship Fund

Gifts from the estate of daughter, Barbara S. Rudisill and son D. Paul Rudisill established the Dorus P. Rudisill Scholarship with preference to a rising senior majoring or minoring in theology or Christian education who plans to enter a full-time church profession.

Long Scholarship Fund

The Wilbur E. and Mary Louise Long Scholarship Endowment Fund in the amount of $10,000 was established by the Rev. Palmer D. '74 and Cindi Long Clemmer '73 of Hendersonville in memory of her parents.

Lohr Endowment

The Frances Mauney Lohr Scholarship Endowment will help full-time students who seek a degree in sacred music at L-R. The fund involves a $50,000 gift supported by her son, Dr. Lawrence Lohr and wife Rebecca Beatty Lohr '59, to provide a scholarship with preference to those majoring in sacred music or a music field.

Schott Scholarship

The George Frederick Schott Sr. and Elisabeth Nielsen Schott Scholarship Endowment Fund was established by the Rev. Dr. George F. Schott Jr. '37 and his wife, Ruth Cauble Schott '33 of Columbia for his parents. A $15,000 gift will provide perpetual support.

Woolly Scholarship Endowment

The Donald E. '55 and Judith R. Woolly Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established to aid full-time students majoring in sacred music or those planning a career in other full-time church work. The fund was established by the Columbia, S.C. couple with a cash gift plus an endowment from proceeds of a $50,000 life insurance contract.

Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts

The Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts One and Two of Concord are giving $75,000 for basic enhancements of the TV studio and video lab. The gift is the largest from the trusts to be given to the college in more than 10 years.

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL)

The AAL has contributed $13,500 toward L-R's General Education Curriculum Review project to enable faculty to conduct a complete study of the core curriculum and create a plan for refining and adapting where necessary.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation

A $50,000 grant will provide scholarship assistance to select nursing majors during the 1997-98 academic year.

James M. Johnston Trust for Charitable and Educational Purposes

Nursing students will receive $10,000 in support from this gift.

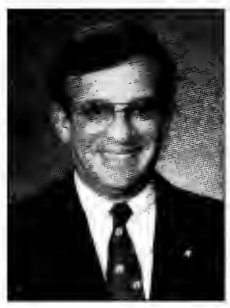
The Steven R. and Elizabeth A. Carter Scholarship

Established by Dr. Steven '74 and Elizabeth "Libby" Carter '75 of Pinehurst, the scholarship will be given to a senior Girl Scout recipient of the Gold Award with second preference to N.C. Lutherans.

Hilton memorialized

The memory of Hickory business and civic leader and L-R trustee Glenn C. Hilton '61 was perpetuated through the establishment of the Glenn C. Hilton Jr. Endowment Fund at L-R.

The announcement came during the Business Leader of the Year Award Luncheon sponsored by the L-R Business Council in February. Hilton was honored posthumously by the council as the 1997 Business Leader of the Year.



Hilton

The $10,000 fund was set up with memorial gifts received from family and friends, matched by a gift from Shurtape Technologies, Inc. where Hilton served as president until his death in August 1996. The endowment will support the acquisition of business-related books for Carl A. Rudisill Library.

"Glenn Hilton gave superb leadership to our company for 35 years. He also had a great love for Lenoir-Rhyne," said Pope Shuford, president and chief executive officer of Shurtape. "This contribution from Shurtape Technologies is a fitting way to honor a wonderful man who meant so much to all of us. We feel blessed that he passed our way."

Pope Shuford of Shurtape Technologies with Frances Hilton, widow of the late Glenn Hilton, Jr. and President Ryan LaHurd.

Annual Fund Update

Contributions received as of April 15, 1997

FACULTY NOTES

ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

Winter

Dr. Robert Winter, associate professor of art, has been nominated to appear in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers.*

CONFERENCES

Dr. Gail Miles, professor and department chairperson of computing sciences, attended the ACM: Special Interest Group for Computer Science Education conference in San Jose, Calif. While there, she attended the annual meeting of the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges and board meetings of the Consortium.

Miles will also preside over the Steering Committee for the 11th annual Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges: Southeast Conference to be held at L-R in November.

Dr. Lawrence B. "Berk" Smith, assistant professor of history, recently attended a lecture on the American Revolution at the University of Richmond by Dr. H. T. Dickinson, the Sir Richard Lodge Professor of Modern British History at the University of Edinburgh, who supervised Smith while he was working on his Ph.D.

Pat Clark and **Judy Hilton**, assistant professors of nursing, recently attended a workshop, "Women's Health Nursing Training Program" which covered grant writing applicable to training public health nurses on women's health issues.

Craig

Dr. Beverly Craig, professor of nursing, recently attended a training session for program evaluators of nursing programs held by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission.

Dr. Donald Hayes, professor of education, recently attended an E.L.C.A. planning committee meeting in San Antonio. The group is developing materials for nationwide use on "Ministry in Daily Life."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Terry Gifford, visiting writer-in-residence, and **Dr. Rand Brandes**, professor of English, gave talks on poetry and the creative process to groups of first- through fourth-graders at Balls Creek Elementary School Poetry Day. Several of Gifford's students did half-hour presentations and workshops.

Dr. Russell Benton conducted a tour of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. The trip was sponsored by the Hickory Landmarks Society.

Benton recently addressed the Hickory Landmarks Society and Hickory Museum of Art on "The Stately Homes of Britain."

He also served as a judge for the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs Cotten Scholarship program at the district level.

Dr. Robert Winter recently served as judge for the annual Paul Whitener Student Art Exhibit at the Hickory Museum of Arts, which features art from grades 7-12 in public and private schools throughout Catawba County.

Dr. Lawrence "Berk" Smith addressed the Hickory Rotary Club and introduced L-R students who have studied abroad.

Dr. Donald Hayes recently spoke about humor at the Newton Lions Club.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Ray Wooten, assistant professor of education, has been appointed chairman of the L-R Human Subjects Review Board. The group oversees all surveys of people done on behalf of the college.

PRESENTATIONS

Florence Jowers, assistant professor of music and college organist, and **Dr. Daniel Kiser**, associate professor of music, performed a recital of classical and contemporary music at the Mauney Music Building in January. Assisting them were Reese Land '94; **Jeana Neal Borman**, part-time instructor; and the **Rev. Dr. Paul Weber**, assistant professor of music.

Weber also conducted a community choir representing 18 area churches at a Hymnfest at the First Baptist Church in Hickory. Jowers accompanied on organ, and **Ray McNeely**, professor of music and chairman of the L-R music department, directed the A Cappella Choir.

Dr. Rand Brandes, professor of English, read poems from his book *Balefires* as part of L-R's Visiting Writers Series.

Dr. Marion Love, director of international student services, gave a workshop to teachers at South Newton Elementary School on ESL and addressed the Newton-Conover and Catawba Valley Rotary clubs on the same topic. She spoke at Grandview Middle School to seventh graders on how to better understand people from other cultures.

Love recently addressed participants at the joint Spring Conference of SECOL and Carolinas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Dr. Robert Simmons, professor of business administration, spoke to the Newton-Conover Rotary Club regarding his recent trips to Russia as part of the L-R partnership with Moscow University of Consumer Cooperatives.

Dr. Ryan LaHurd, president, delivered the keynote address at the annual Waldensian Day banquet in Valdese. LaHurd's speech "Lyon to Wittenburg: Sowing the Seeds of Reform" opened the event, which celebrated the 149th anniversary of the Waldensians' attainment of civil freedom.

Dr. Donald Hayes and students from his teacher education classes recently conducted workshops on "The Moral Development of Children" for teachers and parents at St. Stephens Lutheran School and at the Community Parish Education Fair at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Dr. Rebecca Watson, assistant professor of education, was a presenter at the N.C. Middle School Association Annual State Conference in Greensboro. Her talk was on "Integrating Technology in Preservice Teacher Writing Curriculum."

Paula Zimmerman, instructor of music and Kids in Koncert, performed with the Western Piedmont String Quartet on violin.

Dr. David Ludwig, professor of sociology and psychology, gave a presentation "The Spirit of the Family" at the annual meeting of Hospice of Catawba Valley.

Dr. Terry Gifford read from his works of poetry at L-R's and ASU's Visiting Writers' Series. He also recently gave a slide presentation on hiking in England to the Catawba Valley Outing Club.

Gifford

Gifford and **Dr. Robert Winter** made two presentations for the Hickory Museum of Art in April: "Art and Poetry of the Environment: 'The Unseen Trajectory of Things,'" and a hands-on artist and writer's workshop. They directed participants in designing poems based on visual images and the creation of new structural forms from the written word.

Gifford gave a talk "John Muir, founding father of National Parks" at Warren Wilson College in March and returned there in April to give a poetry reading.

Gifford recently spoke about poetry to a class of second-graders at Viewmont Elementary School and was a special guest of the Hickory Writers Group.

Dr. Werner Schulz, professor of modern and classical languages, recently conducted a convocation discussing his personal experiences in fleeing East Germany in the early 1960s.

Richard Hull, associate professor of computing sciences, attended a workshop at Duke University on "Future Direction in Data Structures."

Hull

Dr. Gail Summer, assistant professor of education, presented papers in September at the N.C. Association for the Education of Young Children Conference; in November at the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Dallas and in March at the Southern Early Childhood Association Conference in Myrtle Beach.

TRAVEL

Mary Jo Danner, associate professor of nursing, is traveling to Brazil in May as a representative of Rotary International. Her Group Study Exchange team is staying with host families.

Danner

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Martha Rhyne-Winkler, associate professor of education, was quoted in the February issue of *The Lutheran*, the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). In the article, "Starving for Affection," Rhyne-Winkler and other eating disorder professionals are quoted about identifying and treating anorexia and bulimia.

Dr. Bill Richter, assistant professor of communication, was quoted in the March issue of *The Lutheran*. In the article, "Rating the Ratings," an article exploring the new TV code for parents and children, Richter urges parents to view programs with their offspring to answer questions and offer parents' viewpoints about issues being presented.

Dr. David Ludwig and wife Kathy contribute to *The League Link*, a special newsletter from committees of the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The column is "Noontime Nibbles - Another Bite."

Dr. Lawrence "Berk" Smith published an article ,"Lord John Hay and the Battle of Blenheim," in the Spring 1997 issue of the *Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research.*

Richard Hull has published the second edition of his *PC Scheme MiniManual* through McGraw-Hill. The manual accompanies the textbook *Programming Languages: Paradigm and Practice* by Appleby & VandeKopple.

NEW FACULTY & STAFF

New faculty & staff:

Cheryl Bovard, interpreter/tutor in hearing-impaired services

Dianna Forsythe, interim director of counseling

Daniel Hugendubler, assistant football coach

Robert James, Jr. assistant football coach

Michael MacEachern, interim sports information director

Rick Nichols, human resources director

Rebecca Watson, assistant professor of education

Smith chalks up 30 years

By Michael McEachern

Lloyd Smith, an assistant professor of mathematics, is retiring in May after 30 years of service to Lenoir-Rhyne. He plans to stay in the Hickory area to pursue interests outside mathematics.

Smith, who teaches finite mathematics and statistics at Lenoir-Rhyne, came to the Hickory campus in 1966 for several reasons.

"I wanted to teach at a small, four-year church-related liberal arts college," says Smith. "I attended one and liked that atmosphere and I wanted to move to a small town."

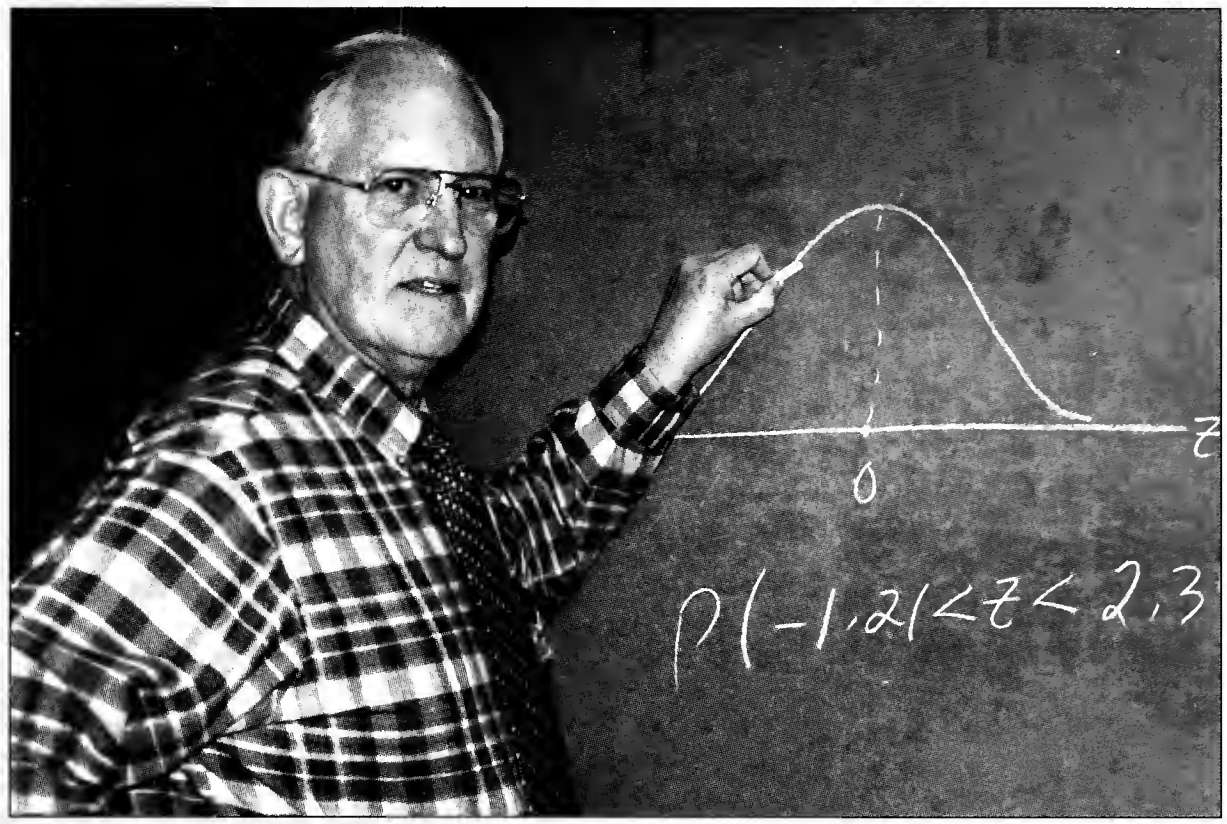
"I came along at a time when it wasn't unusual for someone to stay at one place for a long time," says Smith. "I like the environment and it is a nice place to teach. The faculty has gotten along well and the town is a nice place. There was no reason to go anywhere else."

Smith, a native of Philadelphia, got the urge to teach while earning his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southwestern College in Memphis (now Rhodes College), a Presbyterian-affiliated school.

"While at college, I found myself helping other students with their math and liked doing that," he says.

Over the past 30 years, Smith has seen changes in math. Most have come with the increase in technology over the past several years.

"Obviously there is a lot more technology now," said Smith. "Nowadays, students use computers and graphing calculators in some math classes."



Lloyd Smith pauses in his usual haunt on first floor Minges.

After Southwestern College, he received his master's degree in math from Louisiana State University in 1953.

Prior to coming to L-R, Smith taught at Louisiana State University, Elon College, Salem College and Gaston College and is a member of the Mathematical Association of America and the N.C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

He and his wife, Betty, have three grown children.

College announces promotions

Eight faculty members have been approved for promotion or granted tenured appointments by the Board of Trustees, while one senior professor has been named professor emeritus.

Elevated to professor are Barbara Andrew '58, Dr. Daniel Kiser, Ray McNeely '63, Dr. Martha Rhyne-Winkler '74 and Dr. Kathy Whitesell '74.

Andrew, who has been on faculty since 1977, is department chair of Education and serves as director of Teacher Education. She is an alumna of Lenoir-Rhyne and Appalachian State University.

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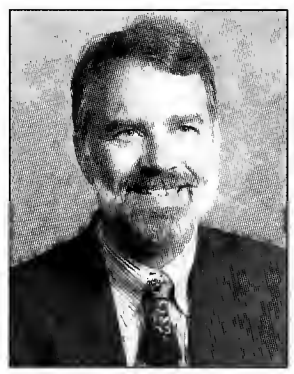

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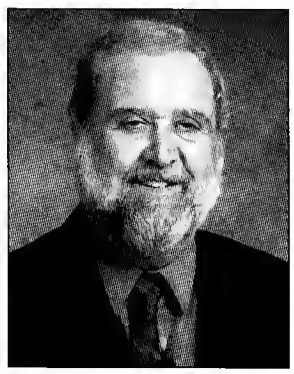

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Kiser joined the music faculty in 1992 and holds B.M. and M.M. degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

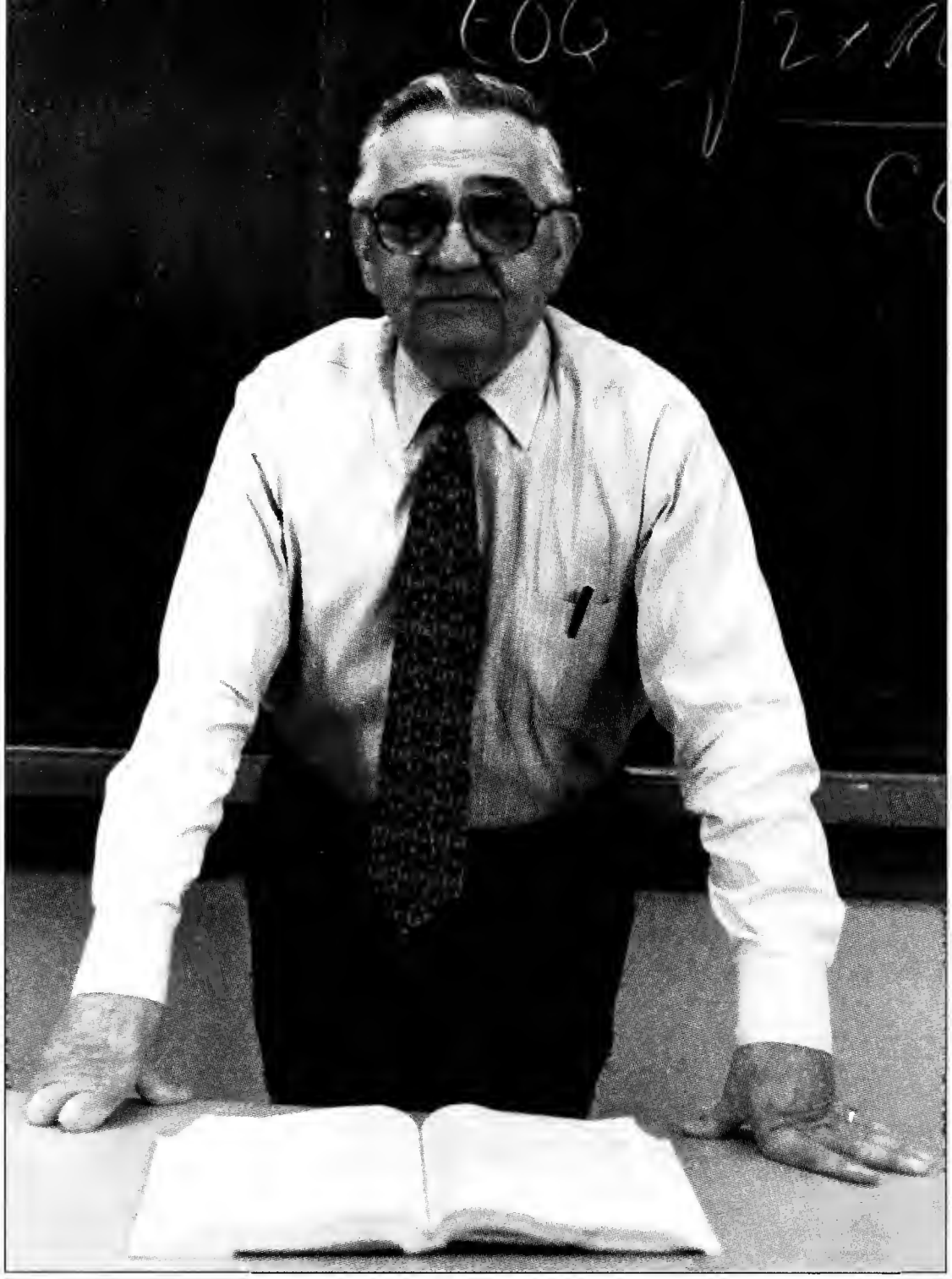
McNeely joined L-R in 1966 and holds an M.M. degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He directs the A Cappella choir and is department chair.

Rhyne-Winkler has been on the education faculty since 1990. She is a graduate of Lenior-Rhyne and Appalachian State University and received a doctoral degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Whitesell, a classmate of Rhyne-Winkler, has taught hearing-impaired education at L-R since 1991. She is also a graduate of California State University at Northridge and earned her doctorate at the University of Cincinnati.

Approved for tenure are Dr. Kathy Ivey, associate professor of English; Dr. Bennett Judkins, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Karen McDougal, associate professor of biology.

Retiring Professor Ray Strunk was promoted to the status of professor emeritus by the board. (See related article on page 10).



Honors follow beloved professor whose surname is an L-R verb

41 years and 'Strunking'

By Denise J. Smith

Any way you add it up, Centennial Professor of Business Ray Strunk's career has paid a lot of dividends. "Strunked" alumni can be found in board rooms, accounting firms and law firms throughout the Southeast.

Strunk retires this spring after 41 years of teaching accounting and business principles to generations of accountants and business and civic leaders. The most senior faculty member, Strunk chaired the business department for 24 years and the professional division for four, and served on countless committees. As he wrote in a recent vita, "... I have served on every conceivable committee, some of which no longer exist, some which I cannot remember, others which I choose to forget."

As part of the recent Alumni weekend, a group of alumni and others in the college community worked together to plan a testimonial dinner honoring Strunk. As a fitting tribute, the Raymond M. Strunk Endowment Fund was announced. Later, he was recognized with the Opal Moretz Alumni Service to the College Award to add to his two *HACAWA* dedications and Distinguished Professor of the Year and Phi Beta Lambda Professor of the Year recognitions.

Then on Honors Day, April 30, Strunk received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, an award given those who have a proven record of service to the state and one of the most prestigious awards presented by the governor.

Not bad for a man who says he fell into teaching. As a newly minted commerce and finance graduate from Catawba College, Strunk took his first stab at teaching at Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. and found he enjoyed it. After that, he taught at a business school while working in public accounting before joining the Army, working as an industrial cost auditor, earning an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and finally coming to L-R as assistant professor in 1956.

"I found a home and never chose to leave," says Strunk. "I had other opportunities to go to bigger colleges or various industries and financial institutions, but didn't take them. Sometimes, you get somewhere you never planned to be and find out it was the best place for you."

Being Strunked

During his years in the classroom, Strunk earned a reputation as a demanding, meticulous professor who expected nothing less than excellence

from his students. Early in his career, the term, "Strunked" was born.

"A bunch of guys came in after one of my tests and they all had their jackets zipped up to their chins. Then, ceremoniously, they unzipped their jackets and they all were wearing t-shirts that said 'I've been Strunked,'" reflects the professor. "I was taken by it and considered getting one of my own done that said 'Gotcha!'

"The most satisfying part of my job is in the classroom," he says. "The short-term benefits are fine, but the long-term benefits are best. I've often said, let my students evaluate me five or 10 years down the road, not just after the course."

In retirement, the Pennsylvania native says he hopes to spend more time with family, including wife, Frances, a native of Newton, whom he met while attending Catawba on a football scholarship. ("That's how I got south, and never wanted to leave.") The couple have two grown children, Rick Strunk of Chapel Hill and Kathy S. Robinson '78 of Huntersville and three grandchildren. Professor Strunk says he may do some consulting work as well.

Dr. Robert Simmons, professor of business and department chairman, hopes he can persuade Strunk to continue to teach part-time. He credits Strunk as a professional mentor to himself, other faculty and most especially to his students. "Not only does he know a person, but he's willing to do anything he possibly can to bring out the best in that person. Of all the people I've ever known, Ray is probably the most outstanding in terms of integrity and concern for the other person."

Sarah Wallace '69, associate professor of business, credits Strunk not only for demanding the best from her as a student, but also for pointing her toward teaching.

"He was an inspiration to me both in liking the subject matter and wanting to teach it," says Wallace. "He's been a part of my life as a teacher, mentor, colleague and friend. I'm going to miss him."

In the business community, Ray Strunk's name is synonymous with the L-R business department. "Of course, everyone knows the phrase, 'I've been Strunked.' Those who really appreciate a solid education look at that as a badge of honor," says Simmons.

"CPAs have a lot of ethical codes to follow, but probably the hardest standard any CPA can reach is the Ray Strunk Standard. That's not just in accounting, but in business practices and everything else."

Joe Teague Jr. '91 CPA was one of those. Now a second-year law student at UNC Chapel Hill, he says, "Professor Strunk was a very difficult, very demanding professor. He challenged you in every way possible, just like life in a lot of ways. His approach prepared me for the real world."

Bank of Granite President and L-R Trustee Charles Snipes '58 was one of Strunk's first students.

"I think Ray has that unique ability to challenge students to do more than they ever thought they could do," Snipes says. "He has just portrayed so much strength and leadership in whatever he does, it's contagious. A reference from Ray Strunk is as good a reference as a person could get," Snipes continues.

D. Michael "Mickey" Payseur '73, managing partner with Butler & Stowe CPAs of Gastonia, reflects that as a beginning student in the accounting program, he wasn't sure where he wanted his career path to go, but when he enrolled in Strunk's class, "I was so taken by his integrity and how much respect he demanded. That gave me the direction I needed.

"CPAs have a lot of ethical codes to follow, but probably the hardest standard any CPA can reach is the Ray Strunk Standard. That's not just in accounting, but in business practices and everything else," Payseur continues.

High notes

Strunk was just as demanding as director of music for First Presbyterian Church in Newton which he did on an "interim basis" from 1961-91.

"They lost their choir director and asked me if I would help them find someone – and 30 years later I was still there!" Strunk chuckles. "They used to ride me in my incessant demands on the choir too. But they were a marvelous choir.

"I've always had a desire to do something musically. There's nothing like putting a group of singers together and getting the sound you want, just like there's nothing like putting students together and getting the right response."

Amen, Professor Strunk. Keep the music playing!

Grateful Strunkees salute their man

A group of Strunked alumni and admirers planned an April 25 testimonial dinner to honor Professor Strunk. Billed as an accounting alumni dinner, the dinner honored Strunk and all his accomplishments for the business department. He was also surprised with the unveiling of the Raymond M. Strunk Endowment Fund which was created through the donations of alumni, faculty and friends for scholarships to benefit accounting and business majors. The effort was headed by Strunk alumni Will Latham Jr. '77 of Charlotte, Mickey Payseur '73 of Cherryville, business professors Dr. Robert Simmons and Dr. Dale King, Alumni Relations Director John Huss and Development Director Teri Lemons.

"His concern has always been for his students," Payseur remarked. "This is a way to etch in stone something that will remember him for a long, long time to benefit future students. When I meet CPAs across the state, they nearly always know Professor Strunk. I have yet to meet anybody who doesn't have the utmost respect for him."

Want to contribute? Contact Teri Lemons at (704)328-7360 or write her at the Development Office, Lenoir-Rhyne College, P.O. Box 7467, Hickory, N.C. 28603.

MAJOR CHANGES

Lenoir-Rhyne is responding to various needs in the community and region with new degree programs this year.

Approved this spring by the Board of Trustees were an MBA program and degree status for the new sacred music program and a new major/minor in human and community service.

Meanwhile, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction recently granted approval for Lenoir-Rhyne to begin offering an endorsement in English as a Second Language (ESL) for teachers.

The changes reflect the college's continued outreach to meet growing needs, says Dr. Robert Spuller, vice president and dean for academic affairs. "We are excited about each of these educational offerings. Each will enhance our already outstanding program."

The MBA

The master's in business administration (MBA) program will be the first new offering in the graduate program since the Birth through Kindergarten education degree was initiated a couple of years ago. The college has offered master's degrees in education and counseling specialties for many years.

The new MBA program will be offered through the Evening College and about 30 students are expected for the first class to graduate in 1999.

Unlike other MBA programs, Spuller says, the Lenoir-Rhyne degree program will be more "managerial" than technical, encouraging decision-making over pure analysis. In interviews conducted with local business leaders, there was a concern that ethics play an essential role in the program.

"This perspective bodes well with the Lenoir-Rhyne mission in developing the whole person," Spuller said. Lenoir-Rhyne has long emphasized education to prepare students for a life of service within a Christian perspective. L-R, founded by four Lutheran pastors, remains affiliated with the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Dr. George Glisan, L-R's Alex Lee Professor of Business, who chaired the MBA task force, says the program will take a global and ethical perspective.

"The L-R program will have some commonality with others, but we have tailored it to respond to community needs." Among the elective courses will be "Negotiations in Business," "Creativity in Business," "Production/Operations Management," "Information Systems in Business" and "Entrepreneurship/Intra-preneurship." Field studies, use of business cases and research projects will help develop decision-making skills and refine the conceptualization process, he says.

The four "electives" L-R will offer are included in most of the top business schools, including those at Harvard, Stanford and the University of Chicago. The fact that L-R will offer such courses puts the program in step with the times, he says.

"Local business leaders are looking for people who are capable of quality business decisions, not just technicians who fail to see the total picture," Glisan says. "CEOs today are not looking for analysts but rather decision makers who can meet the challenges of business and address needs creatively." Global issues will be brought into the classroom and into case assignments.

The 36-hour degree program will use the "cohort" approach, which allows students to get to know one another well but also foster a spirit of competitiveness.

Glisan said the program will be tailored to those who are already working in the field. Potential students who hold non-business bachelor's degrees may take undergraduate courses at L-R to prepare them for graduate work.

"We encourage these students," Glisan says, adding that several students are already taking recommended courses to prepare them for later graduate work. Twenty-four hours of prerequisites

are recommended for the MBA, and a list is available from the Business Administration Department.

Students who have completed part of an accredited MBA program elsewhere may transfer up to nine credit hours to L-R.

The primary market for potential students are individuals who are in the Hickory area who wish to pursue a graduate degree in business. Courses will be taught on campus using Lenoir-Rhyne faculty. Spuller indicated that while the bachelor's degree prepares students for entering a business career, the MBA will prepare individuals for advancement beyond mid-level management.

Students are expected to be admitted on an annual basis and complete studies at a rate of two courses per term — including summer — within 24 months.

Human & community services

"It's very practical."

That's what Dr. Xiaoqin Wu (pronounced CHOWkin Woo) says of the new human and community services major and minor to be offered at Lenoir-Rhyne beginning this fall.

As with the MBA, the human and community services curriculum was developed following research with local focus groups that indicated a need for the course of study.

"It's based on local needs," says Wu, assistant professor of psychology/ sociology, who will be teaching some of the courses.

Graduates will be qualified to fill a number of human services positions ranging from working in drug abuse treatment and prevention programs to supervising group home residents and holding positions in public welfare agencies.

"It is a growing field," says Wu, explaining that the Occupational Outlook Handbook (1996) indicates that the number of human services jobs will increase much faster than the average for all other occupations between 1994 and 2005.

The L-R program will provide graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to work with individuals, small groups and community organizations in human services. Graduates will be required to complete an internship in the field, giving them the opportunity to build their skills and expand their expertise. Wu says students are already signing up for the new major and that interest continues to build.

ESL licensure

The N.C. Department of Public Instruction recently approved Lenoir-Rhyne to enhance its education department by offering an endorsement in English as a Second Language for teachers (see related article page 20.)

The ESL program, one of only six in the state, begins this June with an intensive two weeks of classes. The program is open to both licensed teachers and to undergraduates working toward an education degree, according to Barbara Andrew, associate professor of education and department chair.

"We at Lenoir-Rhyne feel very fortunate to have been granted approval for this program and look forward to serving teachers in the area school systems," says Andrew. The ESL endorsement will require successful completion of 18 credit hours of course work.

Sacred Music

The Board of Trustees in March approved a major in Sacred Music through the Department of Music. The program, initiated last fall, is designed to train students in the history and craft of sacred music, preparing them for careers within the ELCA and other denominations.

Already, the Sacred Music Program has enriched the campus community and the Hickory area through last November's organ concert held in conjunction with Western Piedmont Sister Cities Association, a recent hymnfest held at First Baptist Church of Hickory and the organization of LRYC (see page 6.)

The new Sacred music bachelor's degree will equip graduates to meet a pressing need in congregations for trained church music directors, organists, pianists and other musicians. The degree will require intensive study in sacred music literature and performance, with some classes offered in the evening to give practicing church musicians a chance to participate.

According to Paul Weber, assistant professor of music, the degree program places Lenoir-Rhyne in a unique position among Lutheran colleges and church-related colleges in general.

"The college has made a commitment to work to strengthen our strong musical tradition at a time when other colleges have either scaled back or completely abandoned their sacred music programs," Weber says.

The sacred music curriculum is designed to serve both the full-time traditional day student and the changing needs of full- and part-time church musicians in the community, state and region. In addition to the B.A. in sacred music, Lenoir-Rhyne will offer a certificate in sacred music for active church musicians and a concentration in sacred music for students wishing to pursue a dual emphasis, thus preparing them for a career in church music ministry.

COLLEGE ADDS MBA, ESL PROGRAM, HUMAN & COMMUNITY SERVICE DEGREE

Admissions, Financial Aid move to renovated complex of two old houses put

Under one roof

By Tammy Wilson

Under construction, 1997

You just never know what might happen on a walk around campus.

Consider the case of Skip Duhlstine who was making his way across campus two years ago when he noticed the two brick houses on Seventh Street had a lot in common. They were built of the same brick and were about the same size and the roof lines almost matched.

Aware that the Admissions House across from St. Andrew's Church was targeted for demolition for a street project, he started to think, what if those two houses were somehow joined together? Wouldn't that make a great Admissions House?

"Actually there was about a 20-inch variance in the roof lines," says Duhlstine. "But remarkably the two homes were built on a common foundation wall."

Duhlstine, vice president for administration and finance, called in L-R consultant/local historian Albert Keiser and CBSA architects to sketch out what could be done. What they came up with was to construct a bridge or atrium between the two houses. With resulting landscaping and neighboring the newly acquired Alumni House from the Gunter family, the west end of campus has become revitalized.

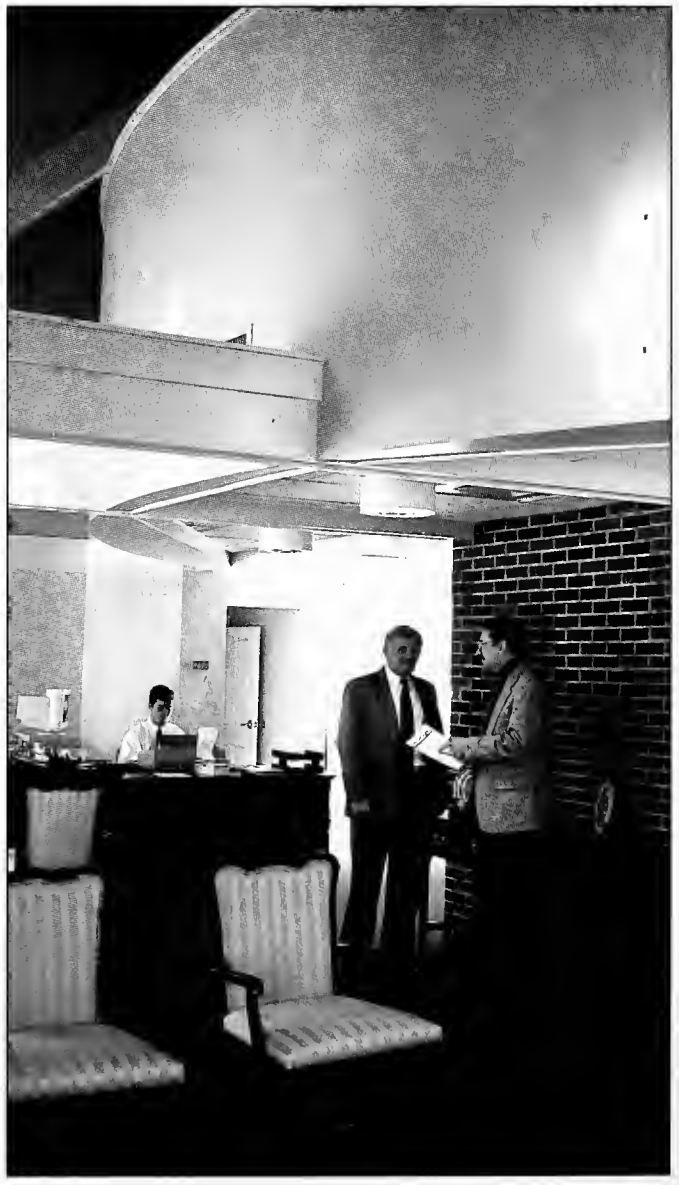
Duhlstine says he personally met with several neighbors to share the plans as construction got under way. Most look forward to the open house which is planned later this summer.

Now, two years and $850,000 later, the vision is a reality with one of the most impressive office facilities around.

The 9,800 sq.-ft. complex built by Moss-Marlow Construction Company includes reception areas, office space, meeting rooms and storage for Admissions and, as of June, the Financial Aid Office.

The complex has been furnished with an impressive collection of traditional furniture from Classic Leather and its contract division, St. Timothy Chair Company, as a result of generous gifts from Tom Shores, whose father Pat Shores, was long-time teacher and coach during the '30s and '40s at Lenoir-Rhyne.

Facing Seventh Avenue, N.E. — the street beside St. Andrew's Lutheran Church — the complex



The lobby atrium includes a curved balcony. The facility has been furnished compliments of Classic Leather. At right are Tim Jackson, admissions director, and Dan Klock, director of financial aid.

includes a parking lot and a 1923 Craftsman bungalow, which was moved a few hundred feet from the curb to become a renovated guest house later this year. Together with the 1890s Alumni House next door, the college has created something of an "L-R village," in the vein of *Home Again*. The new office complex has made a showplace out of what was becoming down-in-the-heel rental property.

Facing the complex, the original 1½-story home on the right was built in 1938 for Prof. Victor Aderholdt '15, while the dwelling on the left was constructed in 1950 for Dr. Robert L. Fritz, an 1892 graduate and retired L-R president.

The original occupants of the two homes were both neighbors and relatives. The 1938 house was built for Aderholdt and his wife, Katherine Fritz Aderholdt '24, who was the daughter of the Fritzes who later built the house next door.

Aderholdt taught history and government at L-R from 1920 to 1944 and was head of the department when he died in the summer of 1945. His widow had several relatives living in this house in the 1940s including her parents, who were to later build next door. Mrs. Aderholdt, who was also the aunt of long-time L-R librarians Mabel and Aileen Aderholdt, eventually remarried to Dr. Alvin Lugn (pronounced "Lunn"), a widower and professor of physics and chemistry at L-R. It was he who is credited with establishing the chemistry major at the college and later taught earth sciences from 1962 to 1973.

Rooms and later entire floors of the Aderholdt-Lugn house were rented out to various members of the L-R community including Anne Lentz '38, who worked in the college business office and her roommate Jeanne Ingold, language laboratory director, who was to rent part of the house for nearly 30 years.

Ingold, who retired last year and moved to Whitsett, N.C., recalls a long roster of renters including Hattie Fowler of the education department; William David Edward Morgan '38; Harold and Virginia Hawn '49, a mathematics professor; Theatre Professor Dr. Marion Love; J.C. Epting '65; History Professor Dr. Russ Benton; Music Professor Thelma Rast; Economics Professor Bill Mauney '65 and wife Elaine '67, Donald Westmoreland '67 and wife Nancy '68; William Williamson '77 and wife Elissa; Charles Chafin Rhyne '80; Eugenia Yount '85; Laurie Brill '87, and Coach Mike Helms and wife, Barbara.

Mrs. Aderholdt Lugn, herself a retired public school teacher, died in 1987, and the dwelling eventually was acquired by the college and used for apartments.

The Fritz House, built in 1950, was first occupied by Fritz, and his wife, Ora Huit Fritz, in their retirement years. Fritz had a large garden and lived to age 92 in large part because he was said to have walked more than most anyone in Hickory.

Their daughter Lucretia '27, a teacher, lived with her parents until they died in 1959 and 1961 respectively and inherited the house. At the death of their father, sister Louise Fritz McGeiver '25, then a widow, joined her sister, Lucretia, in the house at 518 Seventh Avenue. Both were retired public school teachers by this time. The house was acquired by L-R from Fritz heirs including Kathy McGeiver Burns '62 in the 1980s.

Neighbor Margaret Garrett has lived on Seventh Avenue for 27 years and recalls the two elderly sisters and adds that the 1923 "guest" house also has connections to the Fritz and Aderholdt families.

The 1923 bungalow targeted as a guest house was once owned by the Aderholdts who built the first brick house next door. That house, which was later converted to apartments, was "quite a showplace in its day," Garrett says.

The original owner, records show, was Drury Sox, a building contractor, who attended L-R in the late 1890s. Dr. and Mrs. Aderholdt bought the house in 1930 and lived there for eight years until their brick house was built next door.

Part of the admissions staffers pose in their new back yard (from left) front: Paula Bruner, Rachel Allen '90, Meredith Englebert. Back: Todd Cutter '96, Chris Stevenson '93, Tim Jackson and Gennie Haring '95.

Clemson's Rick Barnes, '97 Distinguished Alumnus, lives out the dream that

You can come home again

By Tammy Wilson

Clemson basketball is something of a Cinderella story. Ranked as high as second in the nation this year, they're a far cry from 1994, when their Head Coach Rick Barnes left a lofty position at Providence to take over a struggling program.

It's something like Rick Barnes' own story. A come-from-behind guy who achieved his life-long dreams by age 40, and was recently named Lenoir-Rhyne's Distinguished Alumnus of 1997.

The 1977 graduate is more than proud to be from Hickory and from Lenoir-Rhyne. He has overcome the odds as just the kind of guy that will take a dark-horse team from a "football school" that has given the ACC a run for its money. The team he calls the "Slab Five" in 1994 has since laid the foundation for Clemson's rising star in the ACC hoops. In fact, the five were endowed in Littlejohn Coliseum on Feb. 26, the night they almost roared past the rival North Carolina Tar Heels. Season ticket sales had gone through the roof before the Tigers were ousted by the Minnesota Gophers in double overtime at the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinal on March 20.

Today Barnes is crisscrossing the nation and the world with his powerhouse team, always in search of recruits from as far as Israel, Australia and Poland. Working grueling days on the road or even at home, he says he only gets three to four hours of sleep a night during basketball season.

"To be successful," Barnes says, "you have to remember where you came from, where you are and where you're going." Mix that philosophy with work, loyalty and good people and you've got a winner, he says.

At 42, Barnes is going places, but life hasn't always been kind.

Growing up in the Kenworth section of Hickory in the 1950s and '60s, Barnes was the fourth of five children. By the age of six, his father had left, and he was being raised by his mother with the help of an older sister who helped their working mother with household chores and baby-sitting.

"Even though we never had a lot, my mother taught me to appreciate those things we did have. Most importantly she taught me that if there was something out there you wanted, you should believe that you could get it if you worked hard."

Barnes says as a kid he rode his bike past the Lenoir-Rhyne campus from College Park Middle School and heard the games in Shuford Gym. He says he was never on campus until about 1962, when a Billy Graham Crusade was held in the stadium.

The event left an impression on Barnes. Years later, while attending a benefit dinner in Boston, someone asked him if he would like to shake Graham's hand.

Barnes courtside at Littlejohn.

"I was in awe of (Graham). He was very humble and I was humbled by him."

The other person Barnes has always wanted to meet is Richard Petty, though he hasn't got around to that. "What kid growing up in North Carolina didn't want to meet him?"

His early days weren't without heartache. Though his father had been out of the picture for years, Barnes' world truly fell apart, he says, in seventh grade when his sister died in an auto accident on her way to a graduation celebration at Myrtle Beach.

"She had done so much for me," he says, "and after that, well, you might say I rebelled."

Had it not been for people like Coaches Alan Beam, Bill Johnson, Clinton Sigmon and Joe Rhyne or algebra teacher Alice Watts, Barnes' life could have taken a far different course.

Beam confronted Barnes one day on the court. "The trouble with you, boy, is you've got a bad attitude, and you're not going to play with us until you change," he said.

Beam and others at College Park did make a major difference, he says, along with later coaches at Hickory High, like Mike Lyerly.

"By my sophomore year in high school, I knew I wanted to be a P.E. teacher and a coach," he says, but it wasn't until local businessman and friend Paul Lavitt took the young Barnes to an ACC tournament that he fell in love with the idea of someday coaching such a team.

"When I saw the ACC tournament that year, I knew that's what I wanted to

do — coach an ACC team, and when a kid has a dream you don't ever snuff out a kid's dream," Barnes says. Fortunately, his adult mentors encouraged him to shoot for the stars.

Lavitt recalls Barnes' enthusiasm. "He was so positive, it was obvious that (coaching) was what he truly wanted to do."

Lavitt has followed Barnes' career over the years, remarking, "He was determined and a hard worker as a young man, and he's still a disciplinarian. You *have* to be in that line of work."

Barnes, like most boys, played everything at one time or another, but gravitated toward basketball after attending a youth basketball camp at Campbell (University) and in part through his friendship with an L-R basketball player from New Jersey named John Lentz '74.

Looking back on those days, Lentz says he was drawn to Barnes because of their mutual interest in basketball and that, like himself, Barnes had a lot of drive.

"I guess you could say I was like a big brother. Rick had had some hard knocks in his life, and you could say at that point he was looking for guidance and leadership." Barnes, who played for Hickory High School, was on the L-R court a lot. The gym in the old high school building didn't have bleachers, so all Hickory games were played in Shuford Gym.

Though Lentz "coached" Rick in his tryout drills and worked with him and two on two volleyball games he would play with Lentz, his roommate, and teammates, Rocky Costa '77 and Reid Pollard '77. The bond is still strong. Costa, of Atlanta, is now Barnes' financial advisor, and he keeps in close touch with Lentz, L-R's head basketball coach, as well as Pollard, an Asheboro bank president.

If Pat Holden, business manager of L-R athletics, had had a son, she would have liked him to be like Barnes. She vividly recalls his student days when he was low on cash and high on ambition. He received a scholarship and wasn't a super star, she says, but like Lentz, he worked diligently.

"Rick came from a non-traditional family and had no financial support, but he was the kind of young man who took what he had and made the best of it. He was just a jewel — good-looking, hard-working and an all-around nice person," Holden remembers, and he's done his alma mater proud. "Lenoir-Rhyne students could have no better role model than Rick Barnes. He always represented the college well in public and still lives a life that's above reproach, but he remembers his roots."

A very important figure in Barnes' background is Preston Rhyne (great-nephew of L-R's Daniel E. Rhyne) who needed a "good L-R kid" to help out in his hosiery mill.

When Rhyne heard of Rick's earlier plan to attend Gardner-Webb, he quickly pointed out the error of Rick's ways, much to L-R's good fortune, of course.

> *"To be successful, you have to remember where you came from, where you are and where you're going."*
>
> Rick Barnes

followed his L-R career. In fact, they were roommates in Morgan Dorm when Lentz was a senior and Barnes a freshman.

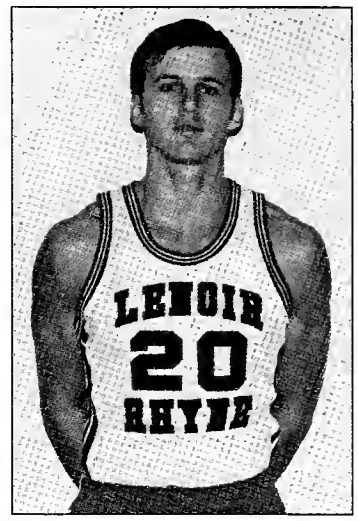
But, Lentz admits, "If I were to say that back then I could have guessed he would be where he is today, I'd have to say I'm not sure."

"You know that *Profile* article about John that said he broke into the gym to play after hours? I could show you which window it was. I was with him," laughs Barnes. He remembers fondly the

Barnes majored in physical education and worked his way through school at Rhyne Hosiery Mill. And as luck would have it, Rhyne also had an attractive daughter. The romance blossomed and Candy Rhyne, a Tennessee graduate, and Rick were married the July before his senior year. He still holds his father-in-law in the highest regard; Preston Rhyne believed in him from the start.

"I owe a lot to him," Barnes says, and to Candy, who, Barnes said, stood by him in his student days and later when he was knocking on doors just to get a chance to coach for low pay or even no pay.

His first job as an assistant coach was coaching for North State Academy in Hickory, following Lentz, who had left for Pembroke State. Shortly afterward, he broke into college coaching at Davidson, thanks in part to a phone call by Lavitt to Coach Eddie Biedenbach.



Barnes as an L-R wing in 1976.

Barnes recalls the day he showed up for the interview and waited. By late after-noon, Biedenbach noticed Barnes waiting, as he had been all day. The situation turned to his advantage. As Biedenbach reasoned, anyone that determined would be a good coach.

Candy followed her husband every step of the way. In fact, she helped him during one of his grunt jobs he took to pay the bills, marking off houses in Charlotte one summer when Barnes took a job with Equifax.

In 1987, the Barneses moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where he coached for George Mason University. The post gave him valuable contacts which helped lead him to later coaching positions at Alabama and Ohio State.

The couple now has two children, Nick, 12, and Carly, 9. The family travels with him whenever possible. "They've been lucky enough to see what the world has to offer," Barnes notes.

Barnes won't say what's next.

"I'm not sure," he says. "My time at Clemson has been three of the best years of my life."

When asked what he wants to be remembered for, he's quick to answer. "That I made it better. If you're not trying to get better, you're getting worse."

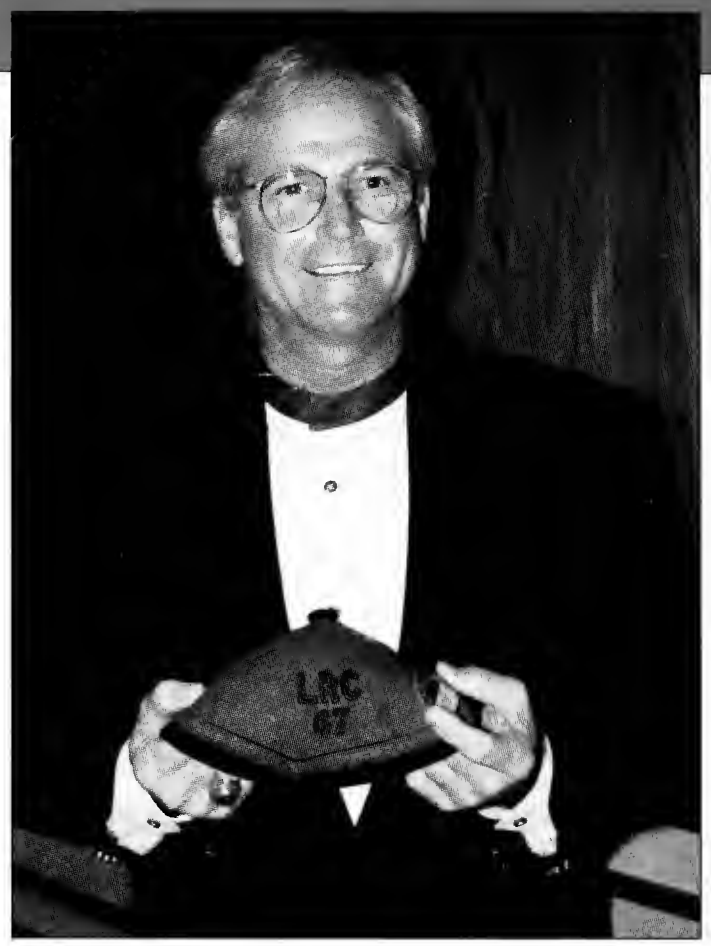
Once on a recruiting trip to Tel Aviv, Barnes remembers looking out from his hotel room onto the spectacular blue Mediterranean. The sight nearly took his breath away.

"I remember saying to myself, 'It's a long way from Hickory and L-R'."

A long way in miles, perhaps, but not in memory.

Oldest TKE pledge never says never

By Tammy Wilson



Col. Tony Gain '67, '76, USMC (Ret.) with L-R beanie.

When reunions roll around, Tony Gain is never quite sure which one to attend. There's the Class of '67 he started with, and then there's the class of '76 he finished with. In between lies the school of hard knocks: two tours of Vietnam with the Marines.

Today, Gain has many distinctions under his belt — a Bronze Star at 22, a TKE pin at 29 and an L-R diploma at 30. He may well be the oldest-ever fraternity pledge at L-R, if not in the history of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The son of a career Marine, the family was living in Havelock, N.C., Gain says a Lutheran pastor steered him toward Lenoir-Rhyne. Looking back, Gain says, he was simply in the right place at the wrong time.

Gain as he appeared on the TKE page in the 1976 HACAWA.

"I pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon and played intramurals, but I wasn't ready to be a student. By the second semester, my G.P.A. was too low to meet initiation requirements." Part of the problem Gain believes, was that he was a "young freshman," having started school a year ahead of his peers. "I was socially behind, immature."

Too much partying meant he had to make up credits in summer school. But even though L-R provided much support, he dropped out his junior year. His parents were chagrined, especially when he then joined the Marines. It was 1966, and Vietnam was heating up.

He did well, being selected for an officer's commission after 18 months. "I was one of 100 picked out of 190,000," he says proudly. "I think I did well because I was used to authority and needed structure. By the time of his second tour in Vietnam, he was a captain guarding the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. And in 1974, he was given the chance go to any college with pay and finish his degree at military expense.

"I could have gone to Duke or some Ivy League school, but came to L-R because I wanted to clear up unfinished business. So here I was, a Marine officer with a wife and young son, wanting to not only go back to school, but to pledge the TKEs again and play football."

He did the first two, but the Marines nixed the football. Says Gain, "They had too much invested in me to have me messed up on the football field. I had to settle for intramurals."

His wife went along with his "diversion," though she was unsure about it all. "She just told me that if I got 'pinned' it would have to be to her."

Attending fraternity smokers, his GI haircut and Marine physique tagged him as a suspected narc in the long-haired '70s.

"But I got bids from everybody," says Gain. Of course he pledged the TKEs. Following the time-honored tradition, he ran — literally — to his new brothers gathered in front of Cromer Center.

Much of the pledge process, he recalls, wasn't what it was cracked up to be. "It was a little demeaning," he remembers, once driving his convertible out in the country for a scavenger hunt to find a "live bird." The escapade ended in a fender-bender. However, he stuck it out and in 1976 was named Fraternity Man of the Year.

His experience as an L-R student was a very positive one the second time around.

Dr. Ellis Boatmon, one of his

history professors and long-time interfraternity advisor, recalls, "I had Tony in several classes and got to know him and his wife personally. He was an exceptional student, older and more mature. The Marines had done wonderful things for him instilling discipline and values. He knew exactly what he wanted."

Gain was finally initiated as a TKE at age 29, but it wasn't the only distinction Gain remembers of his second L-R career. He taught an intercession course, "The Military Profession in Contemporary Society," while still a student and in 1976, was asked to swear in a fellow graduate as a Marine lieutenant moments after he had walked across the graduation dais himself, with a 3.9 G.P.A.

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>
> Tony Gain

Gain returned to the Marines, and even received doctoral training in an elite group at the National Defense University. He retired in 1992 after 26 years. His last assignment as a colonel of Marines at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa was Chief of Current Operations in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"I was responsible for the war room and allied operations center under Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf in Desert Storm," Gain says.

You could say Gain did all right. He says he'd do it all over again at L-R.

"I liked the Lutheran flavor, the size of the place, the campus and the cultural blend. I was a late bloomer. I'm just glad that L-R didn't give up on me."

He now works as a career management consultant with an international human resource consulting firm, Drake, Beam, Morin Inc., in Tampa.

'UNC-Hickory' rumor puzzles officials

Lenoir-Rhyne College officials have been scratching their heads about why so many believe the story that the college is becoming part of the state university system.

As rumors go, this is a perfect example of an urban belief tale, which is known to persist for months or years, says Dr. David Ludwig, chairman of the department of psychology at L-R.

In this case, the rumor is that the college is about to become "UNC-Hickory," and although the rumor is now at least two to three years old, it's still being repeated — and believed. That's a problem because it has no basis in fact, says President Ryan LaHurd.

"We have never discussed such a plan and have never been approached by the UNC System to discuss any proposal to 'buy out' the school. We are an independent institution and have every intention of remaining so," LaHurd said. "We don't understand where the rumor is coming from or why it keeps circulating."

Meanwhile, University of North Carolina officials verify that they have no plans to establish a campus in Hickory.

According to Joni Worthington, director of public relations for the UNC system, the state has no plans to expand its network of universities. "We already have 16 campuses. A campus in Hickory has never been discussed."

Quoting Dr. Roy Carroll, senior vice president of academic affairs for the UNC system in Chapel Hill, Worthington said, "We have no plans to enlarge the university system, but even if we wanted to, we could not purchase an institution. By law, such a plan would be approved by the General Assembly which charters and finances each state institution."

Should the university system ever consider expanding, officials say that purchasing a private college would be a highly unlikely way to go about it.

Nevertheless, the 'UNC-Hickory' rumor keeps hanging around. Several L-R administrators, including LaHurd, have been asked repeatedly about it, and the L-R public relations office has fielded both community and media inquiries about a so-called "buyout."

Ludwig says while rumors, like gossip, are repeated by most everyone, they often are not only inaccurate, but harmful.

"For example, consider a female student's reputation. A rumor that she has been promiscuous can have a devastating effect. Perhaps it was started by someone wanting to get even," Ludwig adds, "but whether malicious or not, the person starting or continuing the rumor often just forgets to say, 'I was only kidding.'"

L-R officials would love to hear that tag line added to the 'UNC-Hickory' tale. While some may view the rumor as humorous, it has alarmed some. Faculty and staff who have heard the rumor have voiced concern about job security while several alumni, students and parents have contacted the college, distraught to hear that Lenoir-Rhyne is "going public."

The only "going public" the college is doing is to finally address the rumor and put it to rest.

"Repeating such a false rumor as truth only serves to hurt the institution by needlessly alarming those associated with Lenoir-Rhyne," LaHurd says.

Ambiguous situations, Ludwig says, often serve as a breeding ground for rumors. Addressing the "UNC-Hickory" rumor head-on will help end it, college officials believe.

Love helps teachers deal with culture-shocked kids

After the honeymoon, you cry.

That's often what happens to immigrants who come to the United States. Even if they know English, the culture can be a shock to the system.

The "honeymoon" — when new arrivals first encounter American language and culture — first brings awe and excitement, says Dr. Marion Love of Lenoir-Rhyne. But when realities of day-to-day life set in, the feeling quickly turns to bewilderment, frustration, alienation — even depression.

Love, director of international student support services, knows the subject first-hand. She has also spent extended periods abroad.

"I've suffered from the roller coaster side of culture shock myself," Love says. As a graduate student, she studied in Mexico and later spent a year in Argentina. And not only has she studied ESL and cross-cultural education, she's an immigrant herself — born in Toronto, Canada.

"As a newcomer to America, one's life becomes something like a door," she says. "You have a foot in both worlds." Deciding which one to live in can be a problem.

Love, who will instruct in L-R's new ESL licensure program for teachers, recently conducted a workshop at South Newton Elementary School to help teachers better deal with non-English speaking children in the classroom. South Newton has 11 nations represented in grades K-5.

"The trick is to get students and their parents beyond that 'depression' stage and on to the process of eventually appreciating the new culture," Love says. Success often depends on how well the teacher changes perspective, to get beyond stereotyping and better understand where the student is coming from. Another important component is to get the parents involved, and that's tough because it takes building trust.

"In many cases, the student lives in two worlds. At school, like in most American schools, the student is expected to express opinions, to question. At home, the expectations may be the exact opposite because the parents adhere to values of a more conservative culture with family roles very clearly and precisely defined." Thus, the teacher, like everything else about this new culture, is suspect.

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The culture and language assimilation process is a long one, Love points out. "You can become functional in two years, but academic fluency may take five or even seven years. Fully understanding the new culture may take many more years than that."

Even so, immigrants who have been in America most of their adult lives may still not fully understand American humor or nuances of body language — things native speakers take for granted.

Lenoir-Rhyne's new 18-credit-hour ESL licensure program should help educators cope with the increasing challenges of keeping their immigrant students on track.

"Lenoir-Rhyne will be at the forefront of serving teachers to better meet the challenges of integrating ESL students in the classroom," said Barbara Andrew, Education Department chairperson.

L-R is one of only five institutions in North Carolina to offer licensure in ESL. The first classes will be offered in a two-week intensive term June 16-27.

Dr. Marion Love conducts workshop for educators.

1927

Rebecca Castor Means has retired from teaching and selling sterling silver. At 91, she keeps busy with church work and other volunteering. She is also taking art lessons and does some painting.

1936

Dorus & Mary **Huss** recently moved from Rutherford County to The Village at Abernethy Retirement Home in Newton. The couple had lived in Rutherford County for more than 60 years.

1943

Ruth Elizabeth Sigmon has retired to Penny Farms, Fla., after 40 years as a missionary to India.

1948

Thomas W. Reese was one of five people named Philanthropist of the Year by the N.C. Planned Giving Council. He and the others received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Gov. Jim Hunt in honor of their philanthropy to the state.

1949

MARRIED

Price J. Petrea to Melsena Si-Si Dillard on Oct. 20. The couple resides in Eatonton, Ga.

1951

Harry D. Woodson and his wife have been involved in construction of Methodist churches and schools in Mexico, Venezuela and Colombia for the past three years.

1952

Susie Alice Danner has received the Campbell University 1997 Alumni Service Award.

James A. Kiser, Jr. recently retired as coordinator of Student Services for the technical college system of the S.C. State Board for technical and comprehensive education.

Joan Petrea Kiser retired from the Lexington, S.C. District 5 schools where she taught music.

1954

Kenneth Lawing received the Vocational Service Award in February from Catawba Valley Rotary Club, Conover. Kenneth, owner of Bowman Drug Company, has been active on the Conover Downtown Revitalization Committee and Planning Board. He is treasurer of the Conover Fireman's Relief Fund. He and wife, Pat, have two children and one grandson.

1957

David Castor was honored for serving and directing Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for 23 years and has been the driving force and visionary behind the development of both the Kure Beach Center and Agape Camp. Prior to leading Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, he served St. Paul, Burlington; Philadelphia, Granite Falls; Resurrection, Kings Mountain and St. Stephen's, Hickory.

1963

Patsy Holshouser Beliveau is president of the Rockwell Community Association and is also active in St. James Lutheran Church.

1965

Jack Sides is the golf pro of the Brushy Mountain Golf Course in Taylorsville.

1966

Judy Klutz Sink has been named by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as one of 84 teachers nationwide to receive National Board Certification. Judy is a teacher at Hardin Park School in Boone.

Evelyn M. Poole-Kober is to receive an M.S. in library science from UNC at Chapel Hill this May.

1967

Ann Potts Blackwell is listed in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She has taught at Charles D. Owen High School since 1984.

David Elder coached the Hickory High School Red Tornadoes to the NCHSAA 3A State football championship in Chapel Hill in December. He was named the Western Piedmont 3A Football Coach of the Year, the Unifour Coach of the Year, the Hickory Daily Record Coach of the Year, the Charlotte/Piedmont Coach of the Year, the WBTS-AutoZone Coach of the Year, and was selected as the Associated Press Coach of the Year for the state. David also won a State Championship in Girls' Basketball in 1995. He is the only coach in the area to win state championships in two different sports.

1968

Thomas M. Bengston is vice president of Property Casualty Section of Cotton States Insurance Company in Atlanta.

Janette Lowman Sims has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Marquis' *Who's Who in the World*. Janette is director of Catawba Valley Community College's Learning Assistance Center.

1969

Linda Hester Phillips has received her doctorate with a specialization in higher education administration from Nova Southeastern University. She and her husband, Arnold, live in Shelby and have two sons, Seth and Nathan.

1970

Alice Collins Bumgarner Barnes has been promoted to consulting manager at the Raleigh/Durham office of

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From the Alumni Association President

Alumni celebrate busy year

Although the 1996-97 year is almost over, enthusiasm is no less than it was in June when we moved into the new Alumni House. Numerous reunions, student/alumni functions and business sessions have been held there, and it should serve us well for years to come.

As a quick recap, a Pep Band under the direction of Dr. Daniel Kiser, performed at the Star Spangled Homecoming last fall because the Alumni Association extended stipends and purchased shirts for its members. The Association awarded six faculty/staff grants to help fund attendance at professional meetings and seminars. Thirteen reunion groups were welcomed back on campus this year. Two new chapters were added in Richmond and Tampa and every chapter met at least once with a total of 28 meetings.

In addition, the Alumni/Admissions program boasts a total of 74 associates who have served as resource persons for 104 high schools. Most of these schools would have had little, if any, L-R presence were it not for this program. About 22 percent of the applications this year had gift certificates attached to them. L-R Alumni are to be commended for support in this area.

Based on the Alumni Board's recommendation, the college initiated a seminar called Senior Career Perspective in which skills such as resume writing, networking and interviewing skills are taught. To date, more than 200 alumni have volunteered as mentors in this program.

Of particular importance is the fact that the number of alumni donors and amounts contributed to the Annual Fund are up significantly from last year. Remember, we still have until May 31 to be counted.

Dorothy Collins Armstrong '49

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Information Services Division of the software service company, Keane, Inc. Her responsibilities include project management, sales support, building customer relationships and employee growth and supervision.

Vicki Leftwich Tutor is the infection control practitioner/ coordinator for High Point Regional Hospital. She was a Great 100 RN in 1994 and also the recipient of the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award from the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, honor society of nursing. She is a volunteer and consultant for Hospice of the Piedmont and the community clinic of High Point. She and her husband, Danny, have two children, Marsha and Erik.

1971

Norman W. Junker was president of the National Weather Association in 1996. He was elected chairman of Analysis and Forecasting Committee of the American Meteorological Society.

1972

25-Year Reunion, Oct. 17-18, 1997 during Homecoming.

Judy Setzer Elmore is serving her third year as chairwoman of the Catawba Valley Community College Foundation Golf Classic. She is a former high school mathematics and journalism teacher and is now vice chairwoman of the Catawba County Schools. She is also the District VII president of the N.C. School Boards Association.

1974

Gary Finger will be head football coach at Charlotte's new Vance High scheduled to open this fall.

1976

Jon Swift has been named Catawba County market executive for First Union National Bank.

MARRIED
Beverly McGregor to Donald W. Wing on Oct. 3. Beverly is a third-grade teacher with Rutherfordton County Schools and is also an independent marketing representative with Club Atlanta Travel. Donald is an emergency room physician with Rutherfordton Hospital. The couple lives in Landrum, S.C.

1977

Barry DeMark Walker is a stained-glass artist with Craftworks in Hickory. Previously he was a quality control technician with Meredith-Burda for 11 years.

Alice Hughey & husband, Elwyn Ewald, have started a new business producing water purification technology. They reside in Napa, Calif.

1979

Stewart Cloer and his partner

have moved their two-year old law firm from Hickory to Charlotte, where the practice will concentrate on the growing discipline of elder law.

Cathy Caldwell Stevenson is chairman of Harrisonburg City School Board. She is a volunteer tutor and also delivers Meals-on-Wheels. Cathy and her husband have two sons, Peter, 13, and Brian, 11.

Raye Rufty is the new director of development of Helps International Ministries in Asheville. HIM is a non-denominational, faith-supported mission providing architectural, construction, renovation, and computer services to evangelical Christian organizations and missions throughout the world.

Teresa Barlow Gorden is the Adult Day Services coordinator for Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village. She manages the adult daycare service at the facility in Lebanon, Ohio. She and husband, **Mike** '78 have relocated in Monroe, Ohio.

BORN TO
Ed & **Susan Annette Neal Cross** of Gastonia, a daughter, Abigail Christine, on Jan. 20.

1981

BORN TO
Jeff & **Emily Mauney Gingrich** of Houston, a son, Christopher Jeffrey, on Jan. 6.

1983

Helen Flowers Poole was selected as the 1996 recipient of the Outstanding American Cancer Society/Health Department Partnership Award from North Carolina Project ASSIST.

Dorothy Marlowe Reep was honored last fall by members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Statesville for her 35 years service as choir director and organist. Dorothy owns a C.P.A. firm in Statesville.

Mark Knuckles, formerly with the Department of Labor, is now a labor consultant. He helps employers with federal labor regulations.

BORN
William & Cindy **Wood** of Greensboro, a daughter, Kylie Elizabeth, on Jan. 7. William is an assistant district attorney and Cindy is news anchor on FOX8 News.

1984

Tracy Yancey recently joined Benjamin's of Morganton as an associate.

Carol Swanson Mount received a promotion to principle technical staff member. Carol is employed by AT&T Labs in the internet division.

David & Cheryl Smith '87 Glasgow and daughter Erica, 7, are competing on a Junior Olympic level of in-line speed skating. They skate for the High Point team and have won or placed in all their races. Stephanie, 3, is also skating and is hot on their trail.

1985

BORN TO
Robert & Regina Martin Lutz of Cherryville, a daughter, Madison Delane, on Nov. 22.

Bryan & **Judith Edwards Smith** of Davidson, a son, Bryson Louis, on Dec. 13. Bryson joins big brothers, Matthew, 9, and Marshall, 2.

1986

BORN TO
David & **Judy Bowles Craft** of Hickory, a daughter, Jennifer Elaine, on July 25, 1996.

Steve & **Lois Baucom Boone** of Virginia Beach, a son, Brett Stephen, on Jan. 8. Lois enjoys tutoring children from her home as she takes time off from her main teaching career to be at

20th chapter formed

Katrina Pershing '92 (left) and Lee Ann McCall '83 are the first co-chairs of the Tampa, Fla. Alumni Chapter, which was organized March 2. During the initial meeting, the group decided to form an Alumni/Admissions Group, and 23 individuals signed up.

home with daughter, Chelsea, now 4, and her new son. Steve is senior claims reresentative for Nationwide Insurance.

Michael & Tracy McLean of Aledo, Texas, a son, Mark Alexander, on Dec. 12. Mark joins brothers, Michael and Matthew.

1987

10-Year Reunion, Oct. 17-18, 1997 during Homecoming.

BORN TO
Gary & **Amy Edsell Poteat '87** of Mooresville, a son, Caleb Lee, on Jan. 23. He joins a sister, Jade, 4, and brother, Connor, 2.

Wade L. & Kristin Waldon Spencer of Graham, a daughter, Kari Margaret, on Jan. 9. Kari joins big sister Rachel.

1988

Lois Stirewalt O'Connor is the director of major gifts for George Washington University College of Business.

John & **Sharon Overcash Freeze** of Harrisburg, N.C., adopted a son, Ian Miguel, on Aug. 12, 1996.

BORN TO
John & **Leslie Rupard DeBroder** of Winston-Salem, twins, Jacob Ransom and Robert Dall, on Jan. 22. Leslie is a pathology resident at N.C. Baptist Hospital where John is a medical technologist.

1989

Douglas Barndt moved to Colorado in 1995. He enjoys mountaineering, teleskiing, and many friendships.

BORN TO
Charles & **Karen Cushing Berry** of Salisbury, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on Dec. 4. Karen is a medical technologist at Carolinas Medical Center at Charlotte. She will complete a degree in nursing in May 1997 from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. Charles is president of Physician Healthcare Concepts.

Richard & **Susan Graham Armstrong** of Hickory, a daughter, Natalie Carole, on Jan. 3.

1990

Rachel Allen was elected secretary of the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers.

BORN TO
Dannie & **Adele Hines Ritchie** of Taylorsville, a son, Weston Spencer, on Nov. 26. Weston joins big sister, Averi Caroline, 4. Adele is the owner of Bright Beginnings Preschool.

Stephen & Amy Lynn Swoope of Pineville, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on Aug 16, 1996. Stephen is a customer service manager.

William R. & Heidi Johnson '88 Rhyne Jr. of Jamestown, twins, Garrett Samuel & Sarah Linnea, on Feb. 17.

Doug & **Angela Baker Chapman** of High Point, a daughter, Caroline Adell, on Dec. 13. She joins sister, Olivia Grace, 3. Angela is a homemaker. Doug is a sales representative with Hanes Converting.

Benjamin & Andrea Lucas '91 Foutz of Union, S.C., a son, Zachary Lucas, on Oct. 23, 1996. Andrea is a school psychologist. Benjamin is a teacher/coach.

1991

Dana Ochs Hamilton owns and operates the Lizard's Tale boutique in Hickory. She and husband, **John '85** have a 1-year-old son, Austin.

Kate Kautz Boyer is an elementary substitute teacher. Husband, Warren, is an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga.

MARRIED
Shannon Deanne Fesmire to Samuel Theodore Cox on Jan. 18. The couple resides in Charlotte. Shannon is employed in the administrative offices of Brownlee Jewelers. Ted is the owner of Dent Magic of the Carolinas. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Paula Jean Privett to William Mundy Litaker Jr. on Nov. 23. Paula is a teacher at the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton. William has a family dental practice. The couple resides in Hickory.

John Kerry Dyer to Heather Alicia Sparger on Dec. 28. John is employed by Golden Needles Knitting & Glove Company in Wilkesboro. Heather is employed by Sara Lee Knit Products in Winston-Salem, where the couple resides.

BORN TO
David & Amy Owens Summers of Statesville, a daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, on Sept. 19. David is area manager of Tremco.

1992

5-Year Reunion, Oct. 17-18, 1997 during Homecoming.

Amy Sink graduated in December from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce with an M.A. in diplomacy and international relations. She is now employed at Aerospatiale, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

Colin Brooks has moved to California and taken a new job with the University of California at Berkeley as a GIS program analyst. Colin married Margaret Weiss of Bethesda, Md., on Oct. 20.

MARRIED
Cynthia Leigh Roberts to Robert Curtis Zimbrich on Oct. 5. Cynthia is employed with Akins & Tombras Public Relations. Robert is employed with Allied Signal. The couple resides in Knoxville.

BORN TO
James & **Paula Bare Carlton** of Jefferson, a son, Jacob Hayes, on Feb. 16.

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Out of the blue

Susan Ford Heavner '67 fell in love with public relations work early in her career. Now she's able to do P.R. most everywhere she goes as executive director of the Cherryville (N.C.) Chamber of Commerce.

Working in her hometown, Heavner says she likes interacting with people — those from business, government and nonprofit agencies — to help bring progress to Cherryville, which is still reeling from plant closings and the buyout of major employer Carolina Freight.

"I do quite a bit of work with the Economic Development Commission," she says but also likes strengthening the business climate for existing firms.

Husband Eddie, retired from Carolina Freight, is now in a second career in masonry and landscaping with son, Kevin. The couple's other two children are Shannon Wall of Raleigh and Bart Heavner of Charlotte.

Heavner, who majored in secretarial/business at Lenoir-Rhyne, says she was a 180-degree turn from her sister (Judy Ford Houser '58) who graduated cum laude and went on to earn a doctorate degree. Houser now serves as principal of Cherryville East Elementary School.

"Most people at L-R couldn't believe we were sisters," laughs Susan. "Everyone expected me to be like Judy and I was the exact opposite."

Starting in newspaper work in Lincolnton and Shelby, Heavner went on to work part-time for a Shelby movie company and still does some casting through a Charlotte studio.

"I don't have any spare time activities because I have so little of it," she says, but does take advantage of every opportunity to see her three grandchildren in Raleigh.

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1993

Yulonda Forbes has been named the program director/administrator of the Alexander County Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Moe received an A.A. degree in travel and tourism. She is employed as a customer service agent for Comair, the Delta Connection in Roanoke, Va.

Herman Caulder is assistant village manager/zoning administrator of Sugar Mountain ski resort.

1994

Elizabeth Lockley has been promoted to network administrator at Laboratory Corp. of America's corporate offices in Burlington. She is working on Novell Engineer certification. Elizabeth bought a house and remodelled it last summer. She became a shetland sheepdog's "mom" in November.

Stacey Fisher Coffey recently joined the nursing staff at Hospice of Catawba Valley in Hickory.

Heather L. Klein is employed with VIA Inc. of the Lehigh Valley in Bethlehem, Pa., as a community transition specialist. VIA is a community organization which meets the needs of 700 people with disabilities.

Michelle Eanes was recently promoted to charge nurse on her unit with Integrated Health Services.

Stacy Rowe is a high risk intervention worker with Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare. She works with Willie M. children in their Specialized Youth Services Division in Mt. Airy. Stacy graduated from L-R in December with a M.A. in community agency counseling.

MARRIED
Julia Elizabeth Ford to Everett Thomas Eckard on Jan. 4. Julia is a teacher at Brawley Middle School. Everett is a computer consultant under contract to Duke Power's McGuire Nuclear Station.The couple resides in Huntersville.

Paul Ward Misenheimer to Kimberley M. Nance on Oct. 19. Paul is employed by Hickory Day School. Kimberley is employed by Hefner Nursery. The couple lives in Hickory.

1995

Angie Earnhardt is employed at Alphagraphics Printshop as a customer service rep. She recently moved to Wilmington, N.C.

John Andrews will be graduating with an M.B.A. from Wake Forest University in May and has accepted a position as a marketing assistant with Sara Lee Hosiery in Winston-Salem.

MARRIED
Stacey Chilton to Danny Lentz Jr. on Oct. 5. Stacey is a clerk reporter with the *Charlotte Observer* Hickory Bureau, *The Catawba Valley Neighbors*. Danny is employed in retail.

Jeffrey Keller Kautz to Jodi Ella Buff on Nov. 23. Both are employed at Oxford Elementary School. Jeffrey is a fifth-grade

Alumna's career takes off

When Susan Taylor's beeper goes off, she springs into action, readies her supplies and boards the helicopter.

Taylor '89 is one of eight full-time flight nurses for AirCare, the helicopter ambulance service of N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. It's one of a few flight ambulance services shuttling patients to research hospitals across the state.

"When we're paged, all we know is where we're going and what type of patient we'll be transporting – pediatric, trauma, cardiac, etc." said Taylor. "Then when we're in the air, we'll receive more information by radio so we can mentally prepare for what we'll be facing. But on scenes, often we won't know anything about it until we get there."

Baptist Hospital covers roughly a 150-mile radius of Winston-Salem including frequent trips to the Hickory area. With an average of two trips per 12-hour shift, Taylor's life is anything but predictable.

"That was one of the things that was very hard to deal with when I left the hospital. I went from a very structured day to a very unstructured day," said Taylor. "Everything you do, you have to keep in mind that you might get a call halfway through it."

Taylor realized her calling as a nursing student at Lenoir-Rhyne. While she was doing a clinical at Catawba Memorial Hospital, she saw the helicopter fly in to pick up an injured patient and thought she'd like to pursue the flight nurse route. After graduation, she went to N.C. Baptist in the surgical ICU and Emergency Department before joining the AirCare crew three years ago.

The most visible difference between hospital nurses and AirCare crew members is their uniforms. In flame retardant black and gold flight suits, with pockets for scissors and other implements, the flight nurses carry their pagers with them at all times.

In addition, flight nurses are approved by the Board of Nursing to perform procedures beyond their practice role such as inserting breathing tubes. Taylor is also a Certified Critical Care RN, Certified Emergency Nurse and holds additional certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Trauma Nurse Core Course.

"The most important service we provide to the critically ill or injuried patient is rapidity of transport to Baptist Hospital," Taylor said.

Only about 15 percent of the calls are to the scene of an accident. The rest are critically ill patients being moved from one hospital to the other. "We give bedside to bedside care, not like what you see on *ER* or other shows where they just drop the patient off at the door."

Children and burn patients are the most emotionally draining for her. "A tough part of this job is realizing you've done all you can do," said Taylor. "Hopefully we can make a difference in patient outcome. It's very satisfying when you have a patient come back and thank you, which happens quite frequently. They usually won't remember the helicopter ride, but want to see who was caring for them in the air."

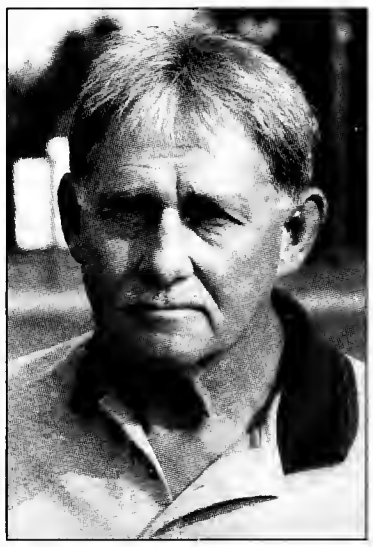
She also said she enjoyed participating in community outreach programs such as training for EMS groups, safety courses for elementary age children and drunk driving programs for the high schoolers.

Taylor is participating in Lenoir-Rhyne's Alumni Career Network. "Lenoir-Rhyne has a great reputation in nursing. When I talk to nurses who went through other programs, I realize the high expectations of the L-R program."

This Elder's Got Respect

Coaching and football are first loves for David Elder '67. Both were handsomely rewarded as the head football coach at Hickory High School led the Red Tornadoes to their first-ever state football title this season.

On Dec. 14, the Red Tornadoes defeated Ragsdale 42-0 to capture the North Carolina High School Association's AAA title and cap off their season with an unblemished 16-0 record. For his efforts, Elder was named the Western Piedmont 3A Football Coach of the Year, the Unifour coach of the year, the *Hickory Daily Record* Coach of the Year, the Charlotte/Piedmont Coach of the Year, WBTS-AutoZone Coach of the Year and was selected as the Associated Press Coach of the Year for North Carolina.



David Elder '67

Elder got the itch to coach while playing football and basketball at Taylorsville High.

"The interest in coaching started there," says Elder, who has a 30-10 record as head coach at Hickory. "It gave me a chance to be around athletics and see the coaches at work. "A big influence was my coach, Richard White."

"When I was growing up, Lenoir-Rhyne was the school everyone wanted to go to," says Elder. "I was very fortunate to go and play there."

At Lenoir-Rhyne, Elder was a four-year letter winner in football for the Bears, which won two Carolinas Conference titles in 1965 and 1966, when he led the Bears with 29 catches for 310 yards as a tight end. He also played defensive end.

After graduation, Elder wasted little time getting into coaching. Elder spent a three-year stint as an assistant coach at West Lincoln High School and tackled his first head coaching job at South Stanly. He has also served as head coach at Lenoir and West Caldwell high schools, before he came to Hickory as an assistant coach in 1979.

Football is not the only sport Elder coaches at Hickory. He has been the head coach for the girls basketball team for the past 14 seasons. In 1995, he led Hickory to the NCHSAA 3A title with a 67-63 overtime win over SouthWest Edgecombe. Last season, they were eliminated in the Western Regional championship game, and this past season, the Red Tornadoes lost to High Point Central 63-59 in triple overtime in the Western Regional semifinals.

Elder is married to the former Cynthia Peeler '69.

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teacher and Jodi is a kindergarten teacher. The couple lives in Newton.

Stephanie Brown to Chris Opalinsky on Feb. 22. Stephanie is employed as a daycare director. Chris is employed by GTE TSI — a division of GTE Cellular.

Richard Vardy to Kristen M. Smith '96 on July 6. Kristen is employed as a financial analyst for General Electric in Hickory. **Richard** is serving as assistant coach for the men's soccer team at Lenoir-Rhyne. The couple resides in Hickory.

1996

Carlyn Jaye Bradley is employed at Duke University on the Cardiac floor.

Amelia Nuss of Silver Spring, Md., is director of Christian Education at Emmanual Lutheran Church in Bethesda.

Daniel C. Hench is the director of Youth and Christian Education at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wilmington.

MARRIED

Angel Beam to Lance Watson '93 on Sept. 7. Angel is employed with the Lincoln Economic Development Association. Lance is employed by Catawba County School System as an elementary physical education teacher. He also coaches at Bandys High School. They reside in Vale.

Madeleine (Meg) Gardner to Shawn Hevel on June 29, 1996. Meg is a high school teacher at the Louisiana School for the Deaf. Shawn is teaching eighth grade and coaching basketball. The couple resides in Baton Rouge.

Darren Lee Hedrick to Lorie Jean Loudermilk on Dec. 14. The couple lives in Taylorsville.

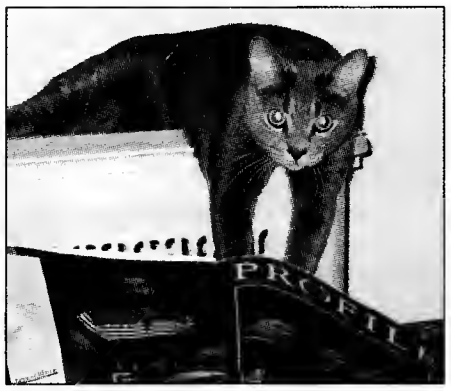
CORRECTION

The winter issue of *Profile* incorrectly stated Diana Kay Panarese '71 as deceased. Diana is very much alive and living in Morganton. Diana's sister Dana Kay Panarese of Durham, also from the class of '71, is deceased as of Aug. 28, 1996. We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment the error may have caused. We have corrected our alumni records accordingly.

In addition, the Alumni Office was notified and subsequently reported the death of Marguerite Smith Bellois '42 in the winter issue. This report was also incorrect. Marguerite is alive and well in Wilmington, N.C.

In Memoriam

Myra Evelyn McFall '17 of Hickory on Jan. 3.
Ethel Messick Windsor '23 of Mocksville on Dec. 5.
Evangeline Little Rasor '28 of Raleigh on Dec. 16
Prue Lineberger Brewer '29 of Oak Ridge, Tenn. on Jan. 25.
Dr. Harry Arndt '32, H.D. '67 of Hickory on April 14.
Hettye Marie Rowe Scott '32 of Charlotte on Jan. 23.
Louise DeLane Latta '33 of Hickory on Jan. 15.
Howard Huffstetler Coffey '33 of Gastonia on Feb. 17.
Anna Bender Guy '34 of Beulaville on Dec. 7.
Neill Clark Jr. '35 of Hickory on Jan. 26.
James A. Cook '35 of Hickory on Dec. 8.
Virginia Anthony Hunsucker '35 of Conover on Feb. 14.
Sarah Lelia Barrier Walker '38 of Mt. Pleasant on Jan. 20.
Charles Samuel Wessinger '42 of Chapin, S.C. on Dec. 13.
Dr. Jesse Sigmon Jr. '43 of Newton on March 7.
Charles Carol Bost III '44 of Hudson on March 22, 1994.
Clara Freeman Turner '53 of Atlanta on Feb. 4.
Olin Wilson '59 of Asheville on May 5, 1996.
Prof. Jerry Bolick '63 of Granite Falls on Jan. 29.
E. Anne Davis Mason '65 of Oak Ridge, Tenn. in Oct., 1995.
Richard Wesley Turkelson '66 of Hickory on Feb. 4.
Jean Dunker White '66 of Destin, Fla. on Jan. 3.



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Jerry Bolick

Jerry Bolick '63, professor of mathematics, died Feb. 5 following a brief illness. He was 55.

Bolick had been part of the L-R mathematics faculty since 1964. He completed his master's degree at Clemson University and did additional graduate study at Clemson and Vanderbilt University. A former member of the Caldwell County Board of Education, Bolick was a member of the Mathematics Association of America and the N.C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

He is survived by his widow, Martha; one daughter, Melanie Prucha, and one grandson, Anthony Prucha, both of Hendersonville; and his mother, Letha Bolick, of Granite Falls.

Dr. Werner Keller

Dr. Werner Keller of Hickory, professor emeritus of German, died March 24 in Honolulu, Hawaii, after suffering a heart attack on vacation. He was 76.

Dr. Keller retired in 1986 after serving as a German professor for 26 years. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in the 1950s. He studied at the University of Vienna and the University of Leipzig and Jena, both in Germany. He specialized in medieval German literature, historical grammar and the cultural geography of German-speaking countries.

He joined the L-R faculty in 1960 and retired in 1986.

He was a member of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association and American Assn. of Teachers of German. Locally, he was past president of St. Cecilia Music Club and Western Piedmont Symphony and member of the Hickory Arts Council. He was also active at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Surviving him are his widow, Lisa, and five children: Dr. Roland Keller of Germany; Lutz Keller of Durham; Christina Keller McKeel of Weatherford, Texas; Armin Keller of Hickory and Helga Fasciano of Charlotte.

Jesse Sigmon

Jesse Sigmon Jr. '43 of Newton, long-time trustee and former college attorney, died March 8 after a lengthy illness. He was 74.

After graduating from L-R, he received his law degree from UNC at Chapel Hill. A veteran of World War II, Sigmon had practiced law in Newton for 48 years. He had served 30 years as city attorney for Newton and was a former attorney for Catawba County, Newton-Conover School Board and had served as a judge of Recorder's Court. He was a past president of Newton Kiwanis Club, a board member of Sipes Orchard Home and was active in the American Legion and V.F.W.

Sigmon, a member of Beth Eden Lutheran Church, had served in every lay capacity and was a delegate to conventions for both the N.C. Synod and Lutheran Brotherhood.

He served his alma mater as past president of the Alumni Association and was a 25-year member of the Board of Trustees. In 1994, he received the L-R Trustee Award.

Surviving him are his widow, Nita; daughters Sharon Sigmon and Rebekah Martin of Newton and Miriam Hunt of Charlotte; one sister, Barbara Abernethy of Hickory and one granddaughter.

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KEEPING THEIR DREAM ALIVE

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Eckard '47 and wife Betty of Hickory are completing their gift circle by including Lenoir-Rhyne in their estate plans.

Pastor Eckard, retired as assistant to the bishop of the LCA after 26 years, attended L-R on scholarship. "I was the first in my family to go to college, but without the planning and generosity of people before me, it might not have been possible," he says. Later, their daughter, Ruth Eckard Anderson '75, received a scholarship as did daughters Nancy and Linda at other church schools.

The Eckards met during his seminary days at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. After they married, Mrs. Eckard continued her love for music and singing as a church musician. Eckard retired in 1989 after serving with LCA office for 26 years and as parish pastor. In 1974, L-R honored him with an honorary doctorate degree for his outstanding contributions to the church.

Life-long supporters of the Annual Fund, in 1993 the couple began using current gifts to establish the Ralph and Betty Eckard Endowment Scholarship to help deserving music majors or those who plan to enter full-time church work. A scholarship is awarded after at least $10,000 has accumulated.

To keep their scholarship in line with rising costs, they have established a charitable remainder annuity trust to pay them a fixed income for their lifetimes. The corpus will be added to their scholarship fund.

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"This is one way of giving back to the school, the community and to the students," he reflects. "When people think of giving, they think they cannot give unless they have a large sum, but if you start with just $1,000 and build on that for 20 years, you will have given a large sum indeed to make a difference in others' lives."

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